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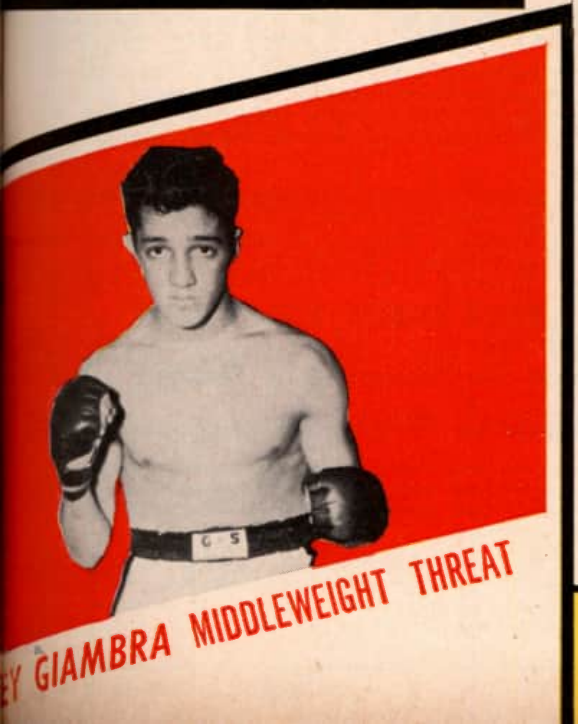

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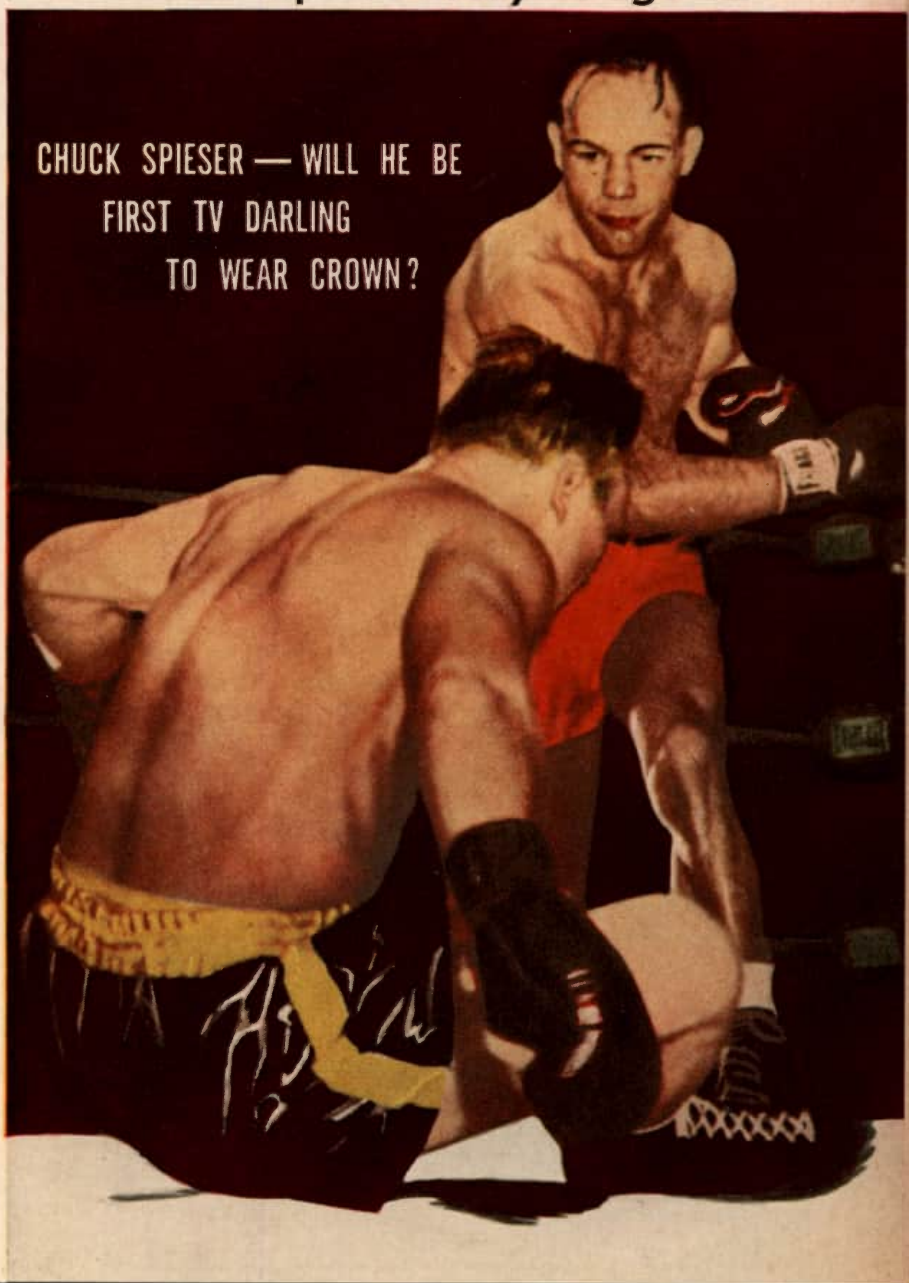

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Nat Fleischer in Europe to cover the European Boxing Union Meetings will bring you in the August Issue his impressions of the meetings and their meaning to boxing. The Ring Editor will also give you the latest dope on the younger crop being developed in Europe and a report on the boxing personalities he talked to while abroad.

Dan Daniel will pass on to Ring readers the latest developments in the heavyweight picture including the dark horses, not heralded, but who might surprise by knocking off top notch heavies.

Francis Albertanti, publicity man and top notch ballyhoo artist for over four decades, will bring you the latest in "Fights I Cannot Forget".

What type of fighter has been able to rewin championships? Who has the better record of regaining a lost crown—the slugger, the boxer, or the boxer-fighter type? Lester Bromberg has made a study of this issue and will record his findings in the August Ring.

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FROM OUR READERS

OLD TIMERS FOOIE!

I have been a boxing fan for many years and I think I know a little about old timers as well as the moderns. I've been keeping up with the times and it sort of gets my goat to keep reading about the greatness of the old boys as compared to current day fighters. An analysis of the Ring Record Book doesn't show any extraordinary records of men like Sullivan, Corbett, Fitzsimmons, Jeffries, Tunney, Dempsey and Johnson. Their records are good but what is it that makes the writers give them such a high standard compared to what present day fighters get?

Have you ever experienced an old gentleman blowing off on how he once whipped Sitting Bull or killed all the Mexicans at the Alamo or was the only soldier who escaped from the field in Custer's Last Stand? Well, there's your comparison.

Step aside, you dreamers of yesterday. The American Italian, American Negro fighters are taking over and doing pretty good in their chosen profession.

S. J. Andrea,
Phoenix, Arizona

NOT SO SHARP

As a lover of boxing, I was somewhat stunned when watching the bout between Johnny Williams of England and Hurricane Jackson on TV.

The farce of such a show being presented to millions of people, is more than I can stand and probably more than can thousands of others watching the Gillette Razor program. Williams showed a lack of ability. He couldn't even defend himself. If anyone watching that terrible bout could foresee a logical contender for Marciano in "Zephyr" Jackson, then he should first see a psychiatrist. I'm sure that every time I pick up my Gillette Razor—and I do use it—it will bring to my mind the gigantic lemon that was brought by that firm and the I.B.C. to our homes.

Let's have no more of such matches or quit giving us TV boxing. As Barnum said, "There's a sucker born every minute," but there were not 20,000,000 suckers born at the same time. Let's have some real contenders matched and stop playing with favored junk. The Washington bout did more to hurt boxing's prestige than any heavyweight bout in recent years.

Max M'Otey,
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THANK YOU MR. HAINES

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Franklin Haines,
Emmans, Pennsylvania

ONE MAN'S OPINION

I've been reading Ring Magazine for some time and am a close follower of boxing. It is my favorite sport. When I watch a fight, I can quickly judge whether either of the contestants is going to make any headway. Now what I want to know is why is Dempsey boomed to the top in almost every article I read in "The Ring" or elsewhere? Who did he ever fight that was so great during his reign? I think Marciano is a very much underrated fighter and that he could have held his own with Dempsey or any other top heavyweight.

All the writers think about today, is "The good old days" of boxing. Years from now the writers will be saying "there was a great fighter—Rocky Marciano—one of the greatest heavyweights of all time."

John Colonna,
Boston, Mass.

LANGFORD TWO TO ONE

"We sure enjoyed the series in The Ring by Nat Fleischer on Sam Langford. It was an excellent human interest series. I wonder how Sam would have compared to men like Holman and Jackson. Do you think either would have had a chance? We liked very much the verse by Don Gallagher on Langford. Is Gallagher the radio announcer or actor by that name?

George W. Miller,
Chicago, Ill.

• *(Langford would have found Jackson and Holman very easy opponents. No, Don Gallagher is a top lawyer in your state.)*

TIME FOR DECISION

I just got through watching the Bobby Boyd-Holly Mims bout, another Chicago contest in which the decision caused my stomach to turn. Why such terrible, rotten decisions? Don't our boxing commissions pay any attention to the complaints of the fight fans who apparently know what they are saying when they condemn such rank verdicts? Boyd got a terrible beating yet got the decision. Why?

I am a barber and a long time fan.

Dan Tarin,
Los Angeles, Cal.

FOR THE RECORD

I have just finished going through the 1956 Ring Record Book and want to compliment you on this excellent edition. In my opinion it is by far the best published yet. It certainly is more complete than any previous issue. This, in fact, was a big improvement over all the others, what with the added records of claimants to World titles, plus the inaugural "Old Timer's Section." The latter was a most welcome addition to your boxing manual.

However, I must admit that there are still a few items missing in this manual. Of course, I realize that no matter how complete or compact a book of this type may be, wherein everything must be established by facts and corroborated by witnesses, there will always be something left out, if one looked hard enough. What I have in mind specifically, are the two Sections entitled "American and Junior Champions and Title Claimants In All Divisions" and the "Old Timer's Section."

I honestly feel that the records of Hugo Kelly, Kid Murphy and Casper Leon should be incorporated as claimants to world honors. Hugo Kelly claimed the Middleweight Title in 1907, Tommy Ryan having relinquished that throne and naming Kelly as his successor. Ryan then made a comeback and drew with Kelly in a fight billed for the World's Championship, Kelly then being the defending champion.

Hugo Kelly then fought Jack Twin Sullivan and Billy Papke, which contests were billed for the World's Championship and Kelly again presumably the defending champion. Both of these bouts also ended in a draw. In 1908 he lost said claim to the Middleweight Title, being outpointed in ten rounds by Billy Papke.

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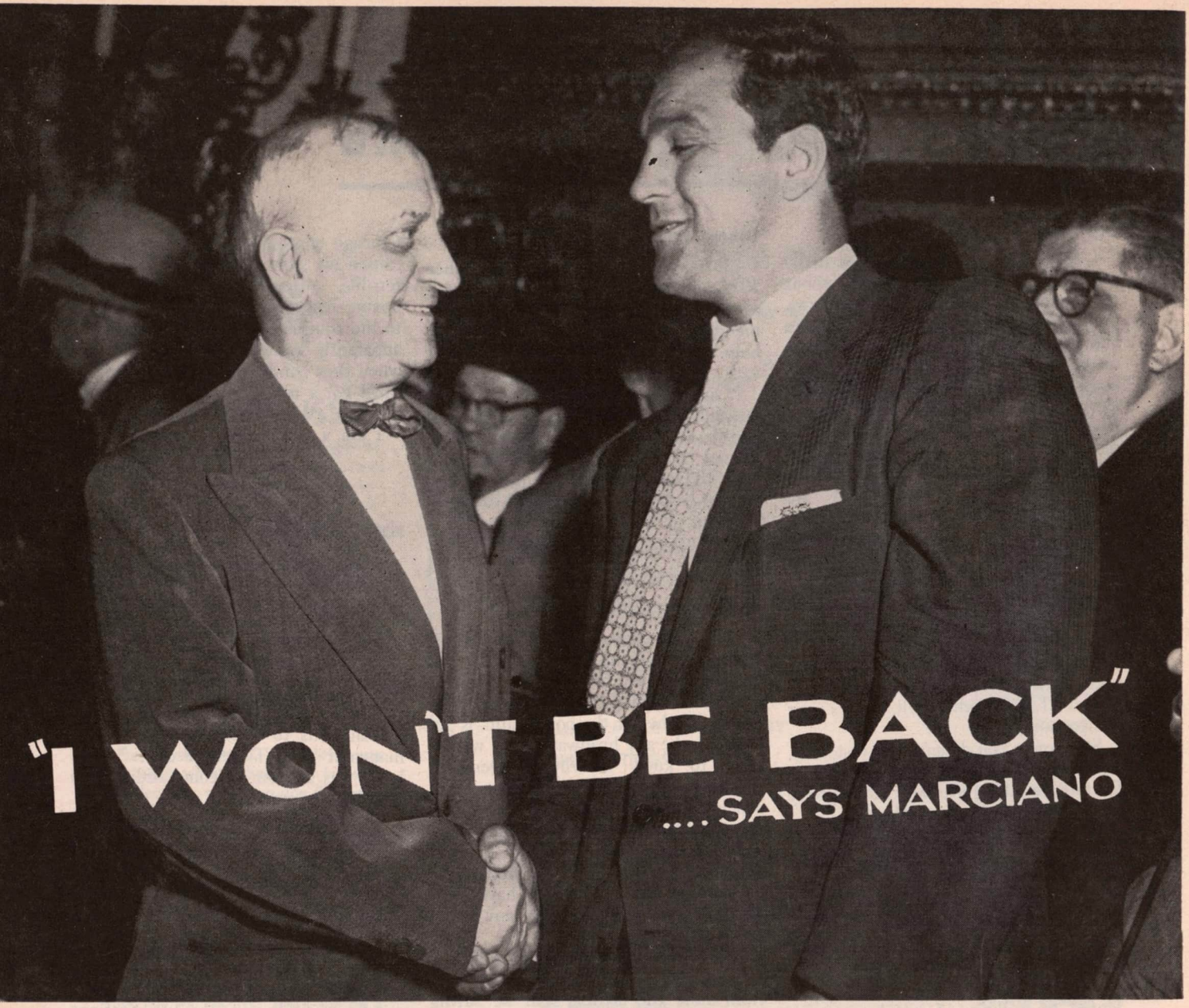


Abdicated Heavyweight King, Like Tunney, Vows Retirement Is for Good

By DAN DANIEL

ON September 23, 1952, Rocky Marciano knocked out Jersey Joe Walcott and became the heavyweight champion of the world. On April 27, 1956, after a title tenure of not quite four years, Marciano returned the championship to boxing and the public, and, nearing the age of 33, retired.

Two interesting stories are involved. First, why, after so short a reign, did Marciano quit? Second, what happens now? Who is likely to come through the eliminations which must be held to set up a new king of the ring?

When Rocky announced his retirement, he found many skeptics among the sports writers, and the fans, as well.

These doubters insisted that no champion ever left the ring while there still were profitable engagements in the offing. They pointed out that after having been just as fervent as Marciano in his protestations of intention to say retired, Joe Louis had been forced back into competition by his tax difficulties.

They dug all the way back to Jim Jeffries, and his return to fight Jack Johnson after he had thrown the title into the ring.

They thumbed through the life and times of John L. Sullivan to support their skepticism. They showed how, after having quit the ring to go into the saloon business in New York, Jim Corbett had been lured back to engage in his memorable 23 round struggle with Jeffries.

The doubters insisted that the Marciano retirement was part of a scheme to clean up the International Boxing Club's case in the Federal courts.

SKEPTICS SEE ROCKY CHALLENGING NEW CHAMPION

The skeptics had yet another angle. They said that Marciano had gone as far as he could, financially, as holder of the championship.

They envisioned fresh interest in the heavyweight class if, with Rocky out of the picture, a new champion were crowned, and Marciano then challenged for the title.

But Marciano firmly stilled those stories that have been making the rounds, having him eyeing a big gate with the new champion a year from now. "I won't be back," said Rocky. "I've had it. It was tough making the decision to retire and I don't think anything will ever change my mind about not making a comeback."

The Ring Magazine is quite willing, with regret, to accept Marciano at his word. He has retired, and it expects him to remain retired.

Marciano is a forthright, honest, unconniving man. He is not one for plots and schemes. He lives modestly, and is fortunate to have married a girl in his own class, with a sense of thrift and the right way of life.

Rocky retired because he had no one else to beat. And the chore of keeping in shape had palled on him. However, let us first discuss what is going to happen now that the heavyweight championship has become vacant.

In his valedictory, Marciano said that Archie Moore, first, and then Floyd Patterson and Hurricane Jackson stood in line for the tournament to be conducted by Jim Norris and his IBC.

In listing the field he was leaving behind him, Marciano showed no great enthusiasm. He had knocked out the best contender, Moore, and would have had little trouble with Patterson and Jackson, in the same ring on the same night, had he continued in competition.

RETIREMENTS TEND TO DEMEAN LINGERING FIELD

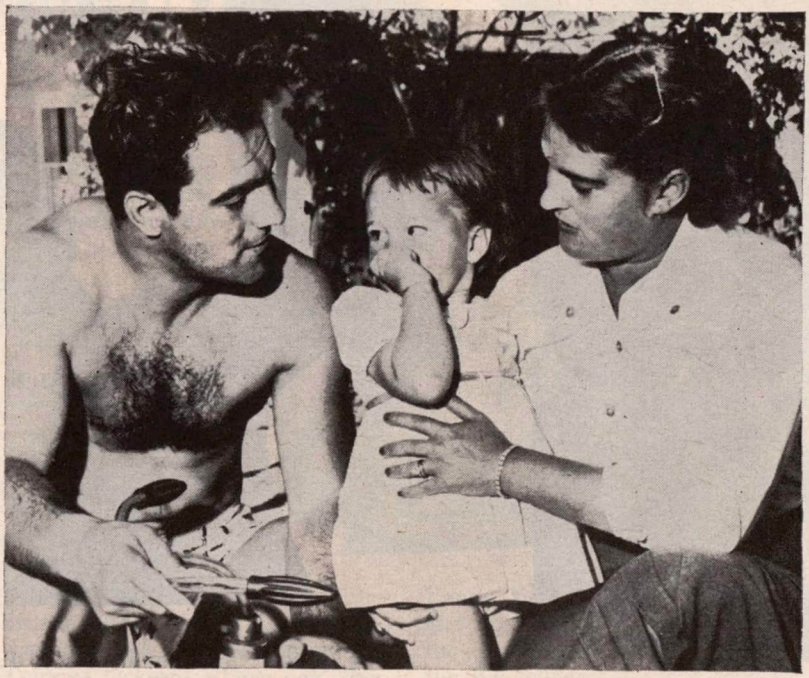
However, it's always that way when a champion quits. Those who appraise the lingering field do so under the handicaps of a psychological block. The best man in the class was out, so that only the second and third best were left.

THEY WAILED LOUD WHEN LOUIS RETIRED

Recollect how the experts wailed when Louis retired. They called it the most lacklustre worthless lot in history of boxing.

But Ezzard Charles came along. Jersey Joe came along. And eventually Marciano fought his way to the leadership of the field, and boxing found itself with a new powerhouse.

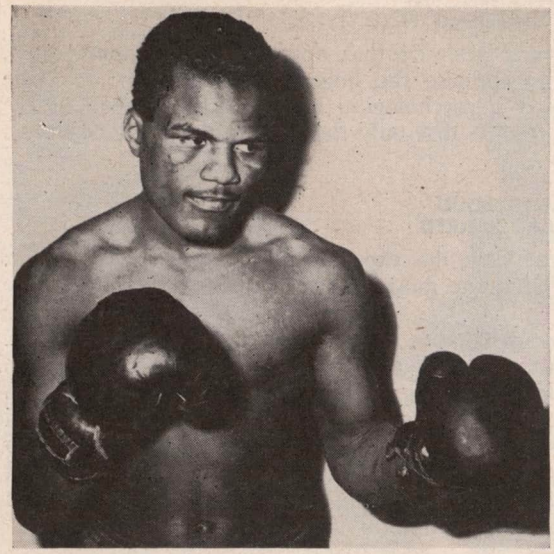
When Jeffries retired, the heavyweight division looked forlorn and bereft. But along came one Jack Johnson, who bequeathed the title to Jess Willard, who was knocked out by Jack Dempsey. The Manassa Mauler brought to boxing lush years hitherto undreamed of.

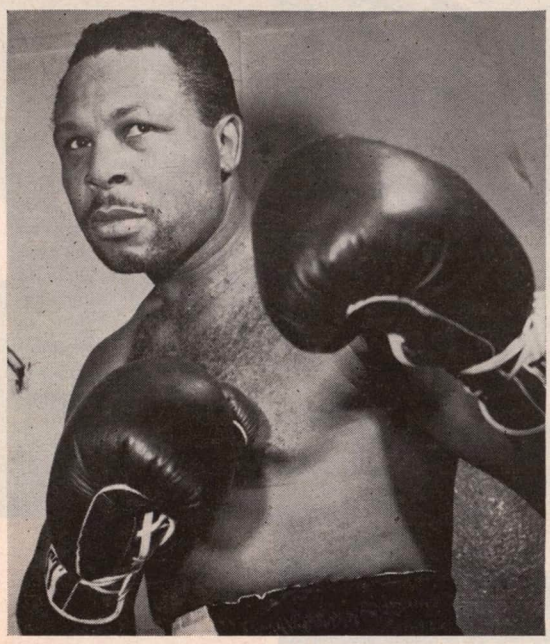


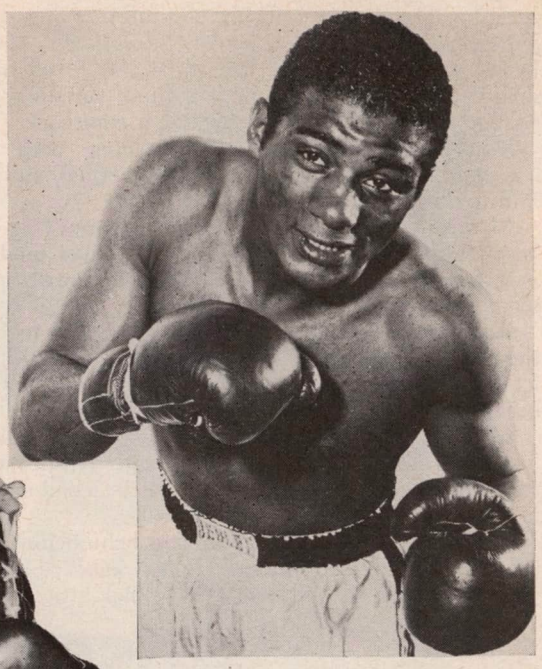
Family man Rocky Marciano relaxes with wife, Barbara, and daughter Maryanne. Being away from family while in training was one of reasons Marciano retired.

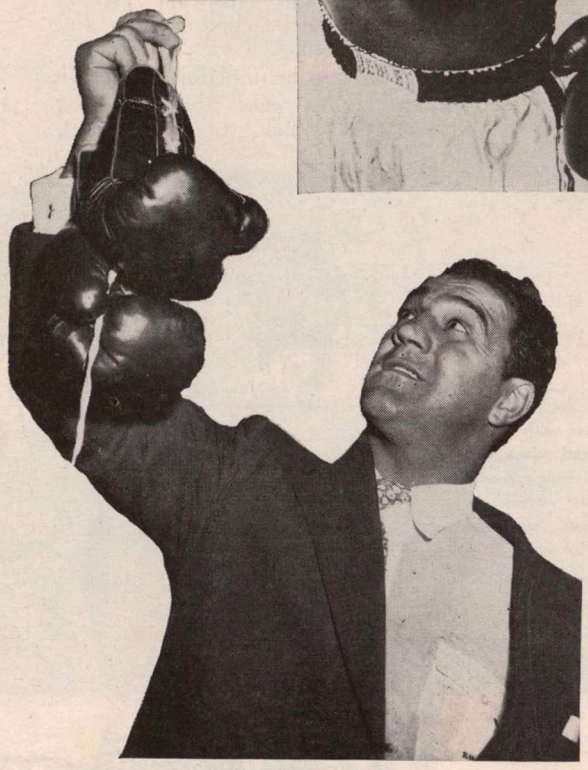
(Below) The historic news conference on April 27th, when Rocky Marciano announced that he was giving up the world heavyweight championship. Seated (left to right) are Charley Goldman, his trainer; Al Weill, his manager; Marciano; and Jim Norris, president of the I. B. C.

Marciano (lower right) hangs up his gloves and leaves the field open for a heavyweight elimination series. The top contenders for the throne are Floyd Patterson (right), Tommy Jackson (left) and world light-heavyweight champion Archie Moore (lower left).









It is quite true that the field which Marciano has left behind is not very attractive. But it has possibilities, especially in the still growing, still developing Patterson.

It is conceivable that Moore, who is a polished trouper and a seasoned veteran, will become Marciano's successor. But before long Moore will find age and wear and tear pulling him down.

The way things shape up now, Moore is the man to stand on the sidelines and await developments in the elimination tournament.

Patterson will fight Jackson on June 8. Patterson's handlers are reported to have no stomach for this showdown at this time. They would like to steer the former Olympic champion through another half dozen schooling bouts with unthreatening opposition.

However, the time has come for Patterson to come out boldly and show his class.

NORRIS SAW ELEVEN BOXERS IN ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT

On Marciano's retirement, Norris felt that he had an elimination field of eleven fighters,—Moore, Patterson, Jackson, Johnny Summerlin, Willie Pastrano, Bob Satterfield, John Holman, Bob Baker, Nino Valdes, Harold Carter and Eddie Machen.

The day Rocky retired, The Ring Magazine came out with this rating of heavyweights;—1, Moore, 2, Jackson; 3, Baker; 4, Holman; 5, Summerlin; 6, Pastrano; 7, Carter; 8, Satterfield; 9, Machen; 10, Valdes.

Patterson was not ranked as a heavyweight, but was listed as the top contender for the light heavyweight title, over Gerhard Hecht and Chuck Spieser. But after Rocky's retirement and Patterson's entry into the eliminations, and the new ratings, Floyd's name was found in fifth place among the heavyweights and removed from the light heavy division.

Certainly, this field, for the fans, boiled down to Moore, Patterson and Jackson.

Something could be done with these ingredients. Possibly, something important. Moore, who on Rocky's retirement, had the bout with Yolande Pompey in England in prospect, was keeping in trim by fighting.

While Marciano was making up his mind about retiring, nobody among those eleven named above appeared to have a chance with the hard-hitting Rocky.

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Unable to See Humor in Consistent Failures of Their Heavyweights, British Look Confidently to New Crop of Promising Youngsters.

By BILLY WILLIAMS

NO LAUGHING MATTER

(Above)—Cockell's crushing defeat completed devastation of Britain's heavyweight Big Three. Johnny Williams and Jack Gardner were other victims. (Left) — 21-year-old Welshman, Dick Richardson, one of the outstanding youngsters in whom British fans now place their heavyweight hopes.

A JOKE'S a joke, but there's such a thing as carrying one too far. The British, for example, cannot appreciate the so-called humor in their sad heavyweight problem.

Through the years, the unhappy experiences of Britain's big 'uns in international competition have been the No. 1 rib-tickler of the boxing industry. But it hasn't been funny to the British themselves. They cannot see anything humorous about a continuous series of disheartening jolts, particularly one as devastating as the recent wholesale destruction of the nation's three top entries within a brief stretch of two weeks.

This latest wrecking campaign began when Johnny Williams (No. 3 in the British ratings) made a quick trip to the United States to be blown off in four rounds by that violent Hurricane, Tommy Jackson. Then, on the same bill in London, Don Cockell (No. 1) and Jack Gardner (No. 2) both suffered devastating two-round defeats by a pair of colonials—Kitione Lave, a visitor from Tonga, and Joe Bygraves, a transplanted Jamaican living in Liverpool.

To the boxing world, British heavyweights have long represented comic relief in a profession that doesn't have too much comedy. "Horizontal" has become a standard epithet for them. Since the beginning of the current century, Gunner Moir, Iron Hague, Bombardier Billy Wells, Frank Goddard, Joe Beckett, Phil Scott, Jack Petersen, Jack London and Bruce Woodcock have been notable disappointments in major international pairings. The one "non-horizontal" entry, Tommy Farr, unfortunately didn't have sufficient fistic talents to go along with his ruggedness and durability.

The odd part of it is that Britain has consistently turned out fine performers in the lighter divisions. Many of them scaled championship heights; others were outstanding title contenders. Among the hundreds of gifted mechanics who became prominent in international campaigns were Owen Moran, Freddie Welsh, Jim Driscoll, Ted (Kid) Lewis, Jimmy Wilde, Bermondsey Billy Wells, Jack (Kid) Berg and Jock McAvoy. For some strange reason, however, the qualities of the lighter ringmen have been lacking in the big fellows.

Still, it is said that nothing springs more eternal than the optimism of the boxing fraternity. Discouragement is tossed off with a figurative shrug of the shoulders and promptly replaced by a new load of enthusiasm. The industry operates on the philosophical theory that what's happened has happened; this is another day.

And so it is with the long-suffering but patient British. The recent wholesale wreckage of their heavyweight Big Three was a stunning jolt, but they weren't long in recovering and finding new interests. After all, Williams, Cockell and Gardner were shopworn veterans. They'd had things pretty much to themselves for several years. Now that they've finally been shoved out of the way, the field is wide open for a newer crop of heavyweights to move in.

That newer crop shapes up as very encouraging, indeed. Probably the three best prospects at the moment are a pair of 22-year-olds, Joe Erskine of Cardiff and Henry Cooper of London, and 21-year-old Dick Richardson of Newport.

Erskine, a former British Army and national amateur champion, has been unbeaten in 28 professional bouts to

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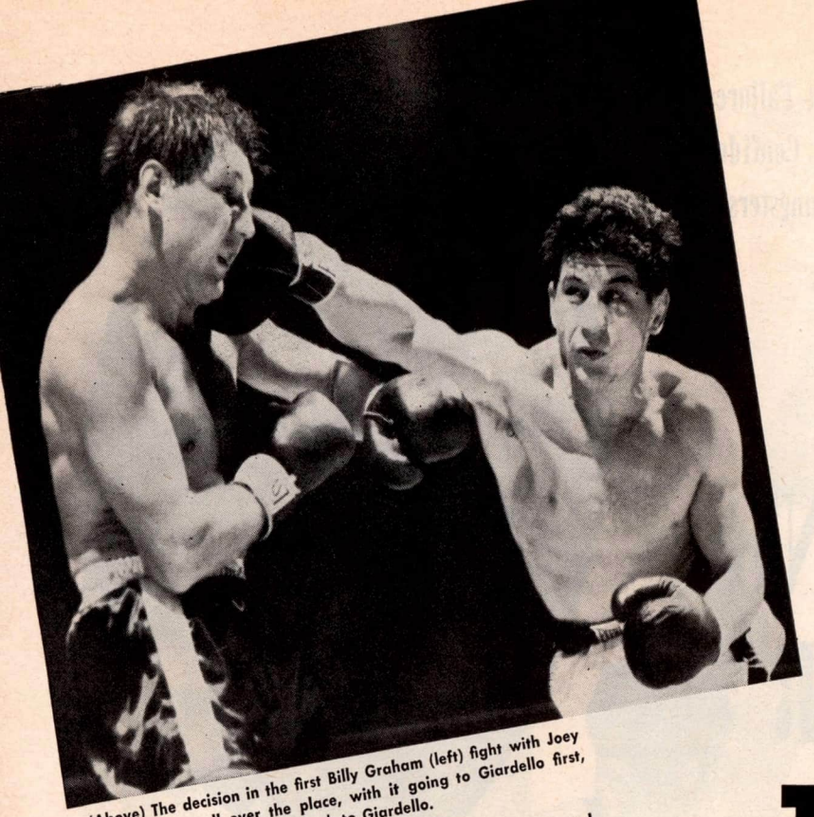
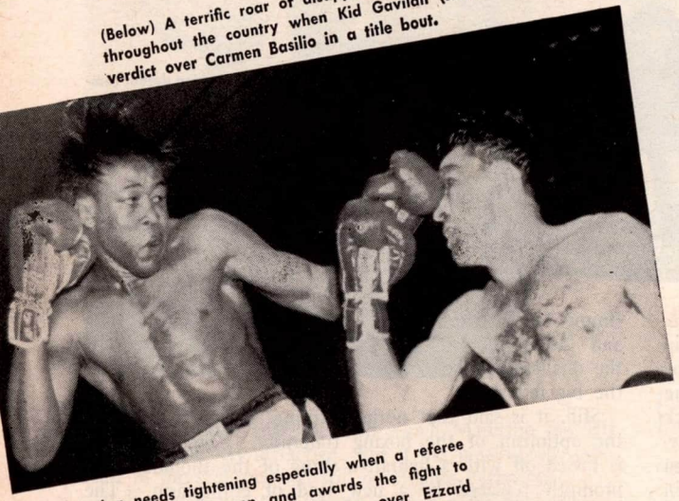
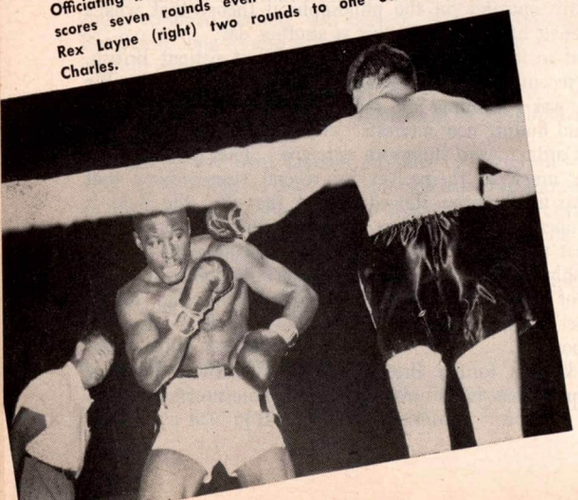


(Above) The decision in the first Billy Graham (left) fight with Joey Giardello was all over the place, with it going to Giardello first, then to Graham and finally back to Giardello.

(Below) A terrific roar of disapproval went up in Syracuse and throughout the country when Kid Gavilan (left) was given the verdict over Carmen Basilio in a title bout.



Officiating needs tightening especially when a referee scores seven rounds even and awards the fight to Rex Layne (right) two rounds to one over Ezzard Charles.



Over-supply of Poor Official Rulings on Outcome of Bouts has Brought Boxing to a . . .

TIME for DECISION!

By LESTER BROMBERG

IF there is anything in boxing today that's more irksome than the scarcity of good fighters, it is the over-supply of bad decisions. On both sides of the Atlantic poor officiating has been epidemic. It is a situation that tries the patience of anybody who hates to see worthwhile effort frustrated by misguided judgement.

Is there a remedy or rather are there some possible solutions? Checking with a cross-section of ring notables, this writer came across enough suggestions to put together what might be described as their platform for better decisions.

Here are its principal planks:

1. A simple, universally-used scoring system.
2. Sharp reduction in the total of officials on various commission lists.
3. Regular refresher courses for officials.
4. An effort by promoters, commissions etc. to look for able, young referees and judges.
5. Better pay for officials to attract better-type men.

These ideas were touched off independently, yet, like the parts to a jigsaw puzzle, they fitted together to form a pattern.

Two former world titleholders and respective idols in their time, Jack Dempsey and Barney Ross, happened to be the most outspoken critics of the bizarre variety of scoring systems now cluttering the boxing scene.

Dempsey said: "I get around the country a lot and many times I sit around with important people watching fights on TV. Now these people are bank presidents, heads of big firms or maybe somebody running a school. What you have to say about all of them is that they have good minds, that they can think out most problems put before them."

But, according to Jack, when they listen to a commentator explaining that this fight will be judged on the 10-must system while next week's fight will be judged on rounds plus points, they throw up their hands.

"They can't keep up with it, they tell me," he went on. "And I can't blame them. . . . I've refereed a fair amount, as you know, but I'd be afraid to go in there now and try to score a fight by a point system. It's too much arithmetic."

Dempsey's feeling is that all one should ask of a referee or judge is that he render a decision at the end of a fight.

"Gene Tunney and I twice went 10 rounds in two of the biggest fights of all time. When Gene got the decision each time—and remember we had that long-count rhubarb in the second one—I didn't ask how they scored it. I wasn't that interested."

A few years ago Jack was criticized for voting seven rounds even in a 10 round fight he gave to Rex Layne over Ezzard Charles at Ogden, Utah, when he was referee and the only official.

"By rights I oughtn't to have had to score those even rounds at all," he said, defending that decision. "Charles wasn't leading, Layne was leading but not doing much. You can't score for effective punching when there isn't any.

"That's why I say that you should only give a decision when a fight is over. The best part of a fight may be crammed into two or three rounds. That's what you decide on in picking a winner—or calling it a draw, if that's what it comes out to."

Ross likewise hasn't patience for number-nutty scoring practices. In years past he occasionally guest-refereed. With his recent position as public relations' aid to singer Eddie Fisher, he has been too busy. But he freely admits that he was losing his stomach for it.

"It was a case of which town I was asked to referee in . . . 'what system do you use here?' I got so worried about whether it was 'Australian', divisible 10 or any of the others, I found I wasn't thinking about the fighters. That isn't the way to referee, I can tell you."

Barney further is disturbed over the fact that 'teenagers, who must be the fighters and fans of tomorrow, are as confused as their elders by the scoring complications.

"There's a 12-year-old kid I know, a real sports fan. The other day he says to me, 'I see all the baseball games on TV and all the fights. I want to ask you something, Barney. In the ball games, from New York or Chicago, three strikes make an out, three outs make an inning, it's always the same. But in the fights it's always different, 6-3-1 in New York, 98-92 in Chicago. Why?

"Well, I was stumped. With a youngster, you can't explain the reasons for commissions disagreeing. I just let it pass."

Barney recalled that his three fights with Jimmy McLarnin for the welter title produced only one unanimous decision, in the last.

"I won the first—and some people thought I lost. I lost the second—and most of the people were sure I won. The one where there was no doubt, I got that.

"I mentioned these because they all were in New York, at a time when they just used round scoring. Can you imagine how much worse it would have been if we were jumping from city to city and from one scoring system to another?"

So, as Dempsey and Ross see it, the answer is to reduce scoring to this: let the officials give a winner at the finish, with no trigonometry, no fancy didoes and let this be the ruling order everywhere.

Abe Attell, shrewd, skillful "little champ" of the really old days, gave it as his opinion that bad decisions result from having too many inexperienced judges and referees.

"Everybody who controls two votes in a local election can get on a commission list," Abe argued, "and, allowing for the possibility that a political guy might have it in him to be a good official, how is he going to develop? He can't get experience, there aren't enough assignments to spread around."

In his time (Attell pointed out, a top referee like George

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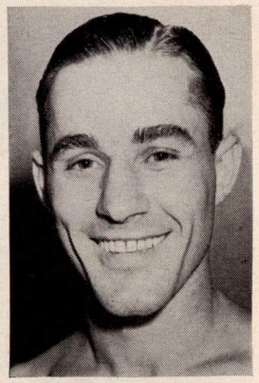
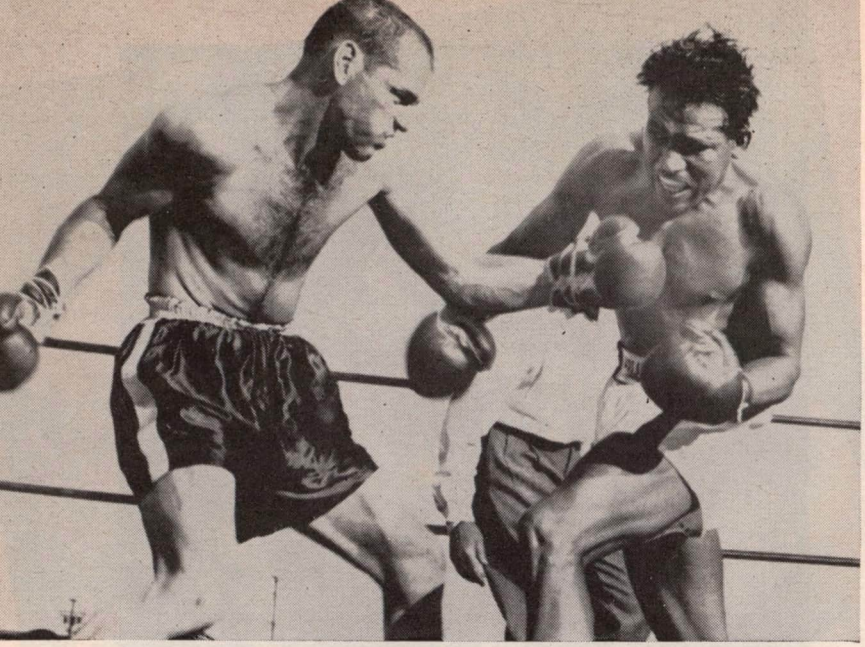
Kid Gavilan (left) and manager Yamil Chade (opposite) howled loud and long as did the fans when Peter Waterman was given a decision over the Cuban in London. In a return Gavilan won easily.

Gus Lesnevich says, "High class officiating needs high class men."



Harry Jeffra says, "Promoters and commissions have got to scout to get good new men."



The Kill! Ray Robinson (right) moves in with a final flurry of punches in the fourth round, capped with a short right and a tremendous left hook that dropped the challenger flat on his back.

Robbie "Owns" Olson

Sugar Ray Demolishes Bobo Olson in 2:51 of Fourth Round to Retain World Middleweight Crown and Gain Fourth Victory over Coast Rival

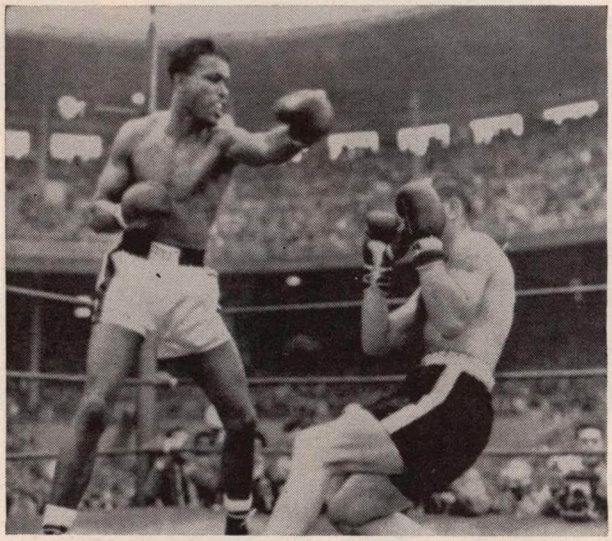
By **BILL MILLER**

RINGSIDE, Wrigley Field, Los Angeles—So long as his opponent is Carl (Bobo) Olson, it won't be necessary for 35-year-old Ray Robinson to prove whether or not he can hold his stylish form over the full championship 15-round distance.

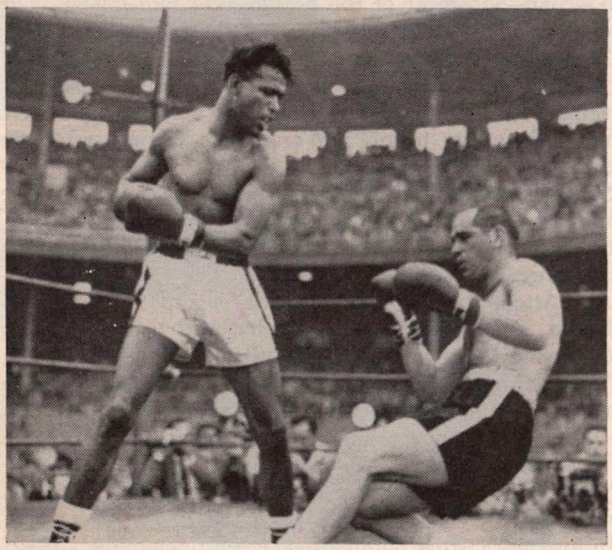
Robinson definitely "owns" Olson. Ray's score against the Hawaiian-born Californian is now 4-for-4, which is pretty fair hitting in anybody's league.

Ray's most recent triumph, here in the home of Los Angeles' baseball Angels, should convince one and all, particularly Olson himself, that there is no need for prolonging the one-sided series. Bobo no longer can be regarded as a serious title threat, at least while the laurels are held by Robinson.

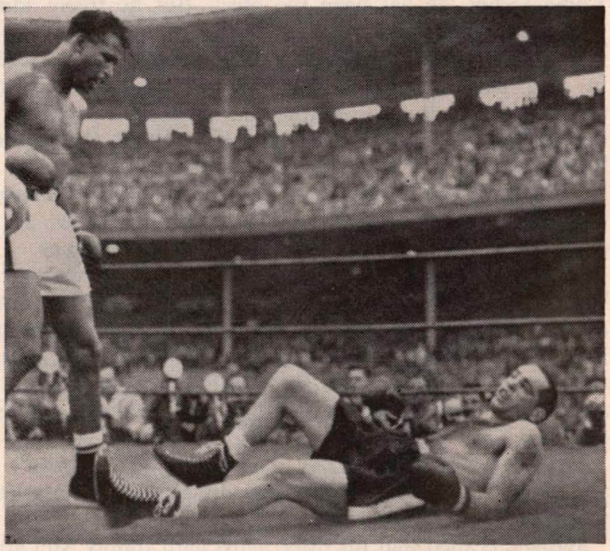
There were those who regarded Robinson's victory in



At Wrigley Field, Los Angeles, before a crowd of 20,803 fight fans who contributed to an all-time California receipt record, the camera



records in sequence the final seconds as Ray Robinson thunders a left that topples Bobo Olson, follows through as the challenger is



hitting the deck and the champion surveys his artful work that transformed Olson into a shattered shell.

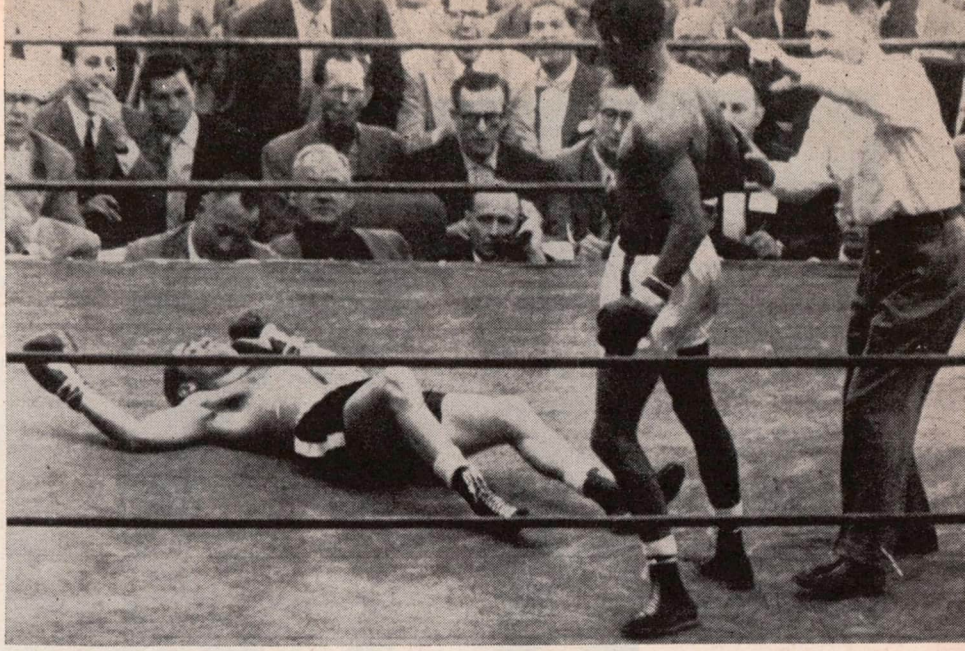
Chicago, six months before, as something of an accident. Olson, they argued, has become careless in swapping fists with the supposedly faded veteran, and had run into a "lucky" punch.

There was nothing "careless" about Bobo's tactics this time, and there certainly was nothing "lucky" about the punch that finished him.

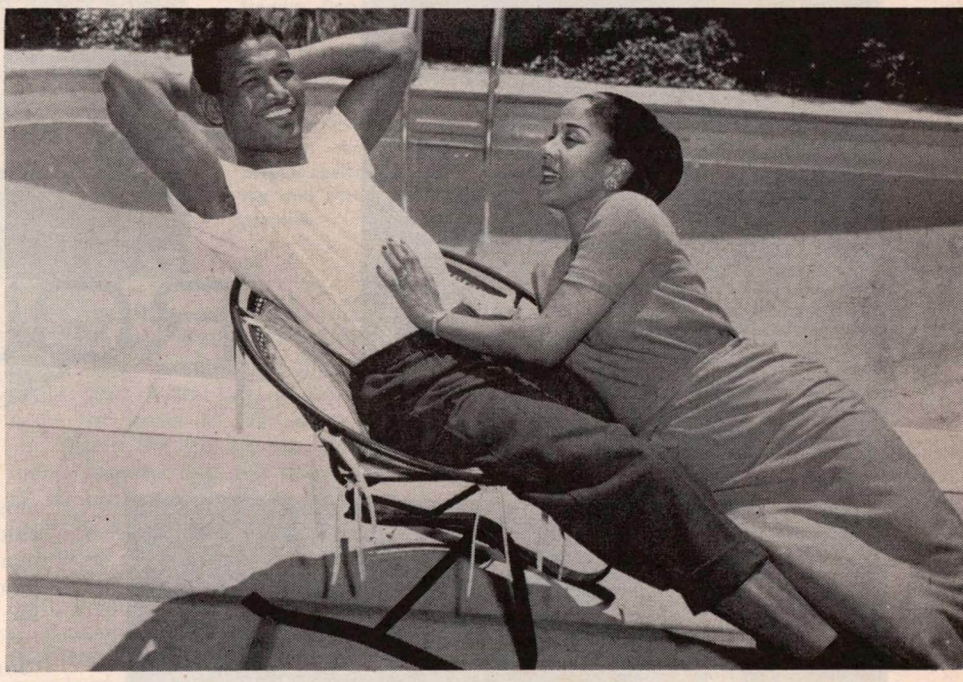
Robinson, at the peak of his brilliant form, was never more deliberate, accurate or devastating. A jolting right to the body brought Olson's guard down just long enough for Ray to whip over a blasting left hook to the chin.

That was the payoff. Olson crashed to the canvas on his back, rolled over a couple of times, and made a feeble effort to rise as Referee "Mushy" Callahan counted him out at 2:51 of the fourth.

It was something of a coincidence that Robinson's victory in Chicago was scored in exactly the same time, but two rounds earlier.



Utter Defeat! Complete surrender by Bobo Olson probably signalled the end of his career as Ray Robinson, at the behest of Referee "Mushy" Callahan, starts his triumphant stride.



Victory is Sweet. Sugar Ray Robinson, unmarked after his knockout of Bobo Olson, one of his easiest wins in almost two decades of campaigning, relaxes with wife Edna Mae under bright California sun.

OLSON WAS MAKING IT CLOSE

Until the sudden, explosive ending, Olson had been giving a good account of himself. Realizing he hadn't the speed, skill or punch to compete with Robinson at long range, Bobo had decided on a close-quarters, mauling, wearing-down campaign as his best bet. Seven years younger than Robinson, Olson felt that in a battle of strength and endurance, the odds would be all in his favor. His tactics were to let Robinson fight himself out in the early rounds while he concentrated on gradually wearing down the veteran.

His chin hunched behind a tight defensive shell of shoulders and arms, Olson boxed cautiously in the first round, but he smothered most of Robinson's leads, and Ray was unable to connect solidly.

Olson displayed more animation in the second. Still keeping his chin low and his hands high, Bobo bobbed and weaved his way forward, pushing and mauling in the clinches. Robinson was boxing well, and scoring with light left jabs, but having difficulty nailing Olson with effective punches. Olson startled Robinson by brushing off a right and countering with a right of his own that jolted the champion.

Robnson opened the third with flicking lefts but Olson, speeding up the pace, concentrated on Ray's body. One particularly hard left to the mid-section made Ray wince. The champion seemed to be tiring and was beginning to hold. Olson clipped him with a right on the cheek as the round ended.

Although still wary of Robinson's punching power, Olson continued to press forward in the fourth and it began to look as though his strategy would pay dividends. Weaving inside Ray's defenses and mauling him in close quarters, Olson seemed to be slowing the champion down. He jolted Robinson with a stiff left jab, then hurt him with a hard left to the body. Bobo continued to crowd him, and Ray appeared to be tiring.

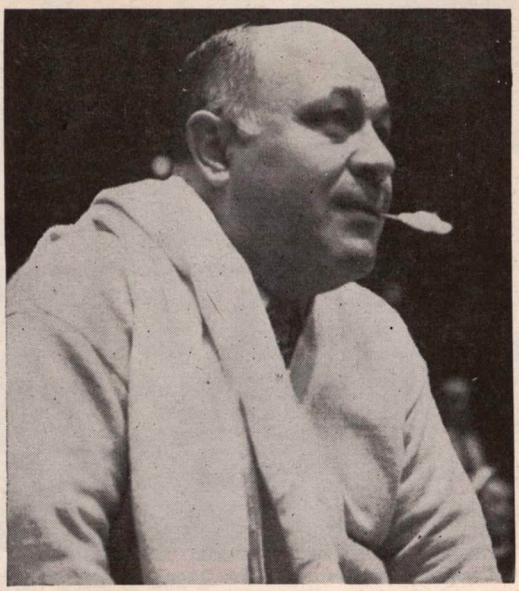
Then, suddenly, it happened. As Olson moved forward, Robinson whipped a right under the heart. It brought down Olson's guard. Over went Ray's left hook, crashing solidly against Bobo's unprotected jaw.

It was the 90th knockout victory for Robinson in 145 fights of a professional career that began in 1940.

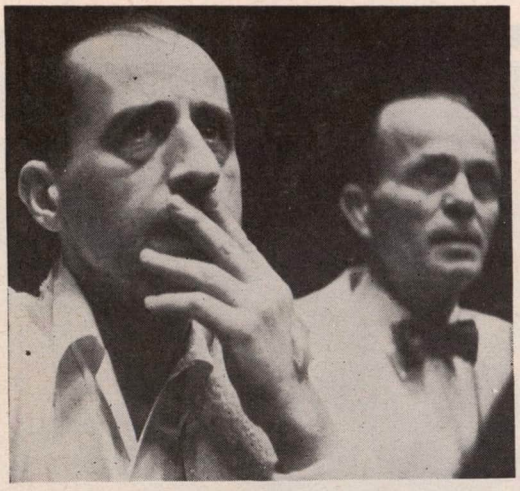
Financially, the bout was a tremendous success. It set a new California record for boxing receipts. The gross gate of $228,500, contributed by 20,083 cash customers, was augmented by an additional $100,000 from television.

Out of the net Robinson and Olson each received nearly $90,000. But there was little personal satisfaction for either rival. Olson's purse had been attached by his estranged wife, Dolores, and the Internal Revenue Department was present to slap a claim for $87,000 on Robinson for unpaid taxes.

From a standpoint of big time promoting, the officials of the American Legion Stadium in Hollywood did a fine job handling their first major fight, and it seems fairly certain the International Boxing Club will have further dealings with them in the future.



Jimmy August, one of the better "cut men", is seen with a swab ready for action. His ability to stop bleeding can mean the difference between victory and defeat. Adrenalin is used for small, clean cuts and a covering called Thrombo-Plastine is placed over the more serious gashes.

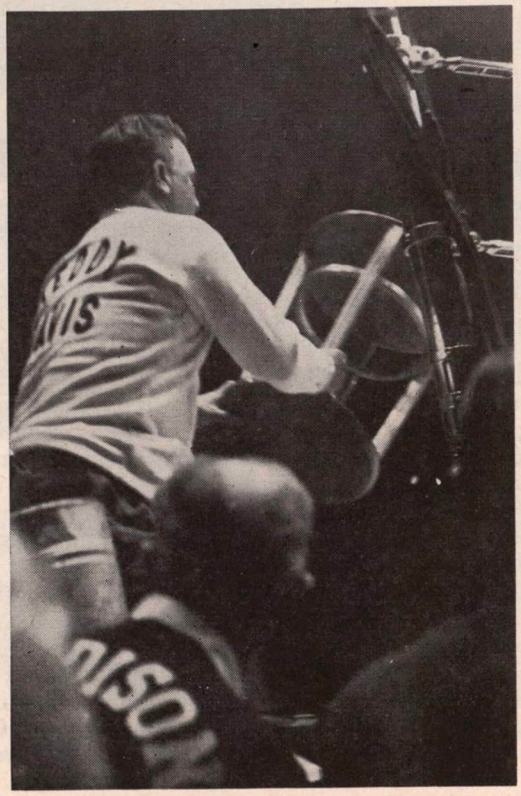


BETWEEN THE ROUNDS

Photos by SALAS

By LEW ESKIN

It is the job of a good second to watch every move during a fight to enable him to advise his charge on the type of strategy to be used in the next round. Note how tense Johnny Sullo and Jimmy Ambrose are as they follow developments in the ring.



Note how quickly Freddie Fierro gets the stool into the ring at the close of a round. Precious seconds can be lost if a corner man is slow or clumsy in this department. Speed and smoothness are of the essence if a fighter is to get the benefit of his full rest period.

WHAT are the duties of a second? That query has frequently been received in The Ring office.

What a second who understands his business can achieve in the way of helping a fighter to make a good ring showing, has repeatedly been demonstrated in important matches. He's the guide to success if he is competent. A second often makes the difference between a winning and a losing fight. Going behind the scenes in boxing, you'll find much supporting evidence of the above statement. The manager, the pilot, often runs the life of a boxer, the trainer, guides him in his workouts and the second watches over him in his ring combat.

The duties of a second or cornerman are not confined to the jobs they perform between the rounds of a boxing match. In the case of most main bout fighters, the regular trainer is chief second for his bouts along with the manager and usually a 'cut-man'. For a championship bout an extra man is added to lessen the burden over the longer route.

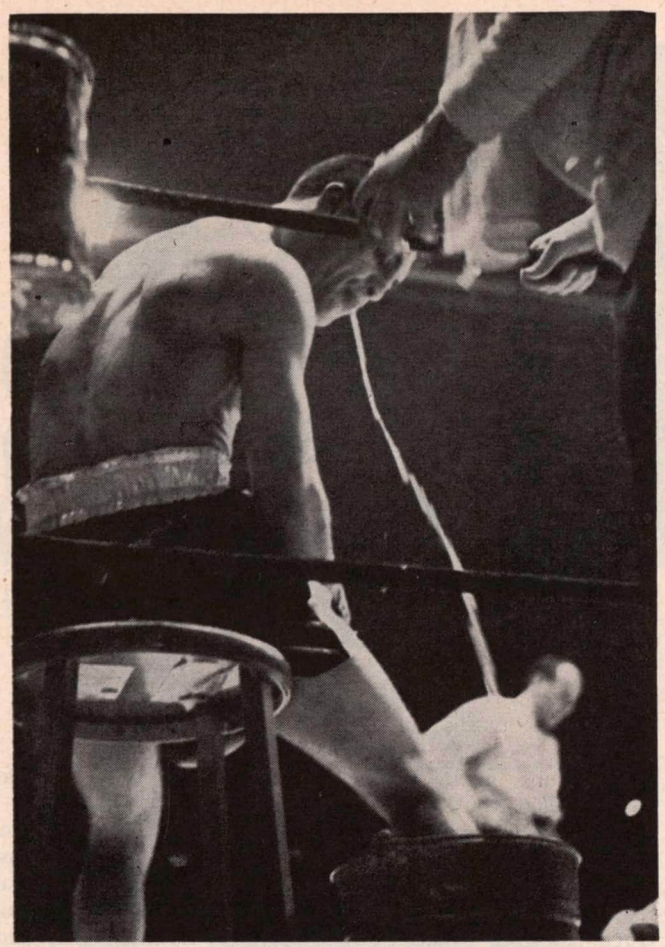
For the majority of preliminary fighters who cannot afford to have a steady trainer, a second is hired to work with him in the corner. The manager ascertains what seconds are going to be at the club that night working in one of the other bouts and takes him on to save the expense of having to bring a man there.

The second's job begins that night from the time the boxer arrives at the club and enters his dressing room, usually about an hour before the first bout goes on.

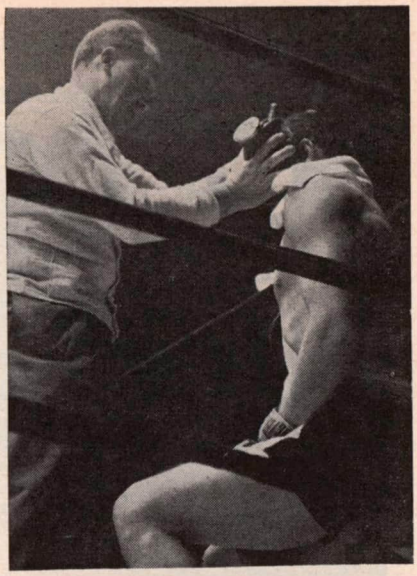
He goes over the plan of battle with his charge, pointing out the weak and strong points of the opponent.

The second's duties are many, as he prepares his man for the fight. First in importance comes the bandaging of the boxer's hands. This preparation is not only a physical problem but a mental one as well for each fighter likes his hands bandaged differently. Some prefer a lot of wrappings; others as little as possible, some want their thumb wrapped one way, others another.

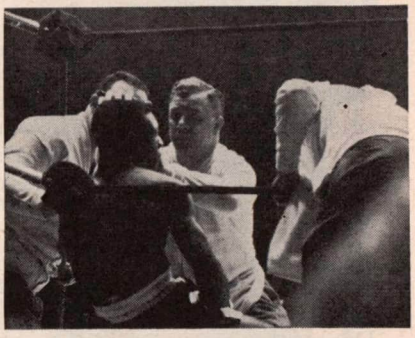
If the hands are not bandaged just so,



Rocky Castellani, middleweight title contender, washes out his mouth as his second, Sid Terris, sets the pail.



Nick Florio, a good corner man, uses an ice pack to reduce the swelling on an eye. He has to work fast as he has only sixty seconds between rounds.



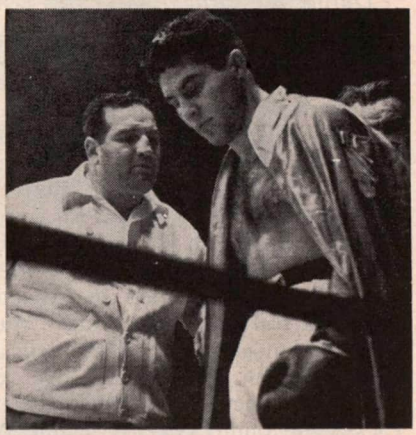
Freddie Fierro, who made his reputation as a second with Billy Conn and Gus Lesnevich, removes a fighter's mouthpiece between rounds. This permits easier breathing and better recuperation.

the fighter will complain that they handicap him in doing his best. That is the mental side. From the physical standpoint if the hands are not properly bandaged, they can be badly bruised, or a bone may be dislocated or broken.

Then while the boxer is resting, the handler must get his tools together—the water bucket, the water bottle, make sure he has enough swabs, and necessary aids for cuts and bloody noses. He also requires vaseline or coco butter which he uses to rub on his boy's face and body before the bout to make the skin slippery so that when punches land, they will slide rather than make solid contact. They lessen the force of the blows and keep the skin moist thus acting as a deterent for cuts.

When handlers and fighter arrive at ringside, the cornermen decide among themselves their particular job in the corner. One man will go up first and take the stool with him. As soon as the round is over, the other will bring the buckets up with him. Then the boxer is seated and the first second having entered the ring stands in front of the boxer, removes the fighter's mouthpiece and hands it to the other second who rinses it off. The water bottle is given to the boxer. He rinses his mouth but does not swallow the water. The second inside the ring is usually the chief and while he is talking to the boxer, the other second who stands on the apron and leans through the ropes is kept busy sponging off the boy, and taking care of any cuts or bruises. He helps the boxer to take deep breaths and places the ice bag on his face to reduce any swelling. He does the same on the back of the neck and base of the spine to refresh the boy.

During the round, the seconds will be deeply absorbed in watching the fight, looking for any mistakes made by their man, and also his opponent, so that they may correct them between rounds and advise the fighter properly.



A second advises his charge prior to a fight on what to expect and how to handle his opponent. We see Al Braverman with one of his charges while awaiting referee's instructions before start of fight.

Nick Florio loosens boxer's trunks while Izzy Blank gives him water to rinse his mouth. Timing is of utmost importance to corner men since they must accomplish much in a matter of seconds.

ITALIANS MAKE RING HISTORY

By TED CARROLL

THE passing of famed old time auto racer Ralph De Palma received due notice in the press of the country but hardly enough to impress upon this present generation the fact that this Italian-born daredevil was for years the ranking sports idol of the nation's Italian-Americans. This modern age, surfeited with a long procession of baseball, football and boxing heroes of Italian lineage, will no doubt have trouble imagining an auto racer holding so pre-eminent a spot in the sports limelight. But thats the way it was forty years ago when only boxer Johnny Dundee could challenge De Palma's proud position.

During the early years of this century, Italians in sports including boxing, were rarities. So much so, that few of the early Italian fighters fought under their real names, a custom which lingers on to some extent, even today.

Because of this common practice of name-changing Italian-American boxers gained fame battling under such misleading monickers as Johnny Dundee, Rocky Kansas, Little Jack Sharkey, Pete Herman, Paul Doyle, Johnny Wilson, Young Zulu Kid, Young Fisher, Eddie Shea, Joe Grim, Young Corbett 3rd, Joe and Vince Dundee, Mike Dundee, Harry and Eddie Lenny, Joe Ryder, Steve Kid Sullivan, Carl Duane, Lew Hurley, Joe Malone, "Italian Joe" Gans, (there's a real odd one), Midget Wolgast, Young Wagner, Sammy Mandell, Hugo Kelly, Terry, Andy and "Cannonball Eddie" Martin, Lou Bogash, "Denver Jimmy" Hanlon and Packey Hommey, add to those the names of Young Terry, Packey and Jimmy O'Gatty, Paulie Walker, "Newark Patsy" Cline, Pal and Vic Moran, Jim Barry, Willie Spencer, Tippy Larkin, Willie Pep, Joey Maxim, Lew Ambers, Terry Young, Jimmy Kelly, Bushey Graham, Johnny Farr, Frankie Wallace, Lew Massey, George Nichols, Sammy Fuller, Petey Hayes, Georgie and Petey Mack, Mickey and Gene Delmont, Eddie "Kid" Whalen, Nick Palmer, Paul Cavalier, Ralph and Joey De John.

The parents of all of these hailed from sunny Italy and had they used the names they were born with, such handles as D'Onofrio, Carrora, Panica, Pelliteri, Tricano, Mondello, Martino, Di Salvo, Geraci, Ferullo, La Scalzo, Yacconetti, Tozze, Bernadello, Giordano, DéAmbrosio, Papaleo, Di Giovanni, would have displaced many of those in the foregoing paragraph and given the Ring Record Book a much more Latin flavor.

QUITE often the fighter's parents found themselves, at a late stage in life, being tagged with a brand new name, usually an Irish one. This often brought about reactions such as those of Papa Serata, father of Harry and Eddie Lenny, who after years of disclaiming the fighting name of his sons, finally gave up the ghost and submitted to being called Mr. Lenny without protest.

All of them made outstanding contributions to the records of Italian ringmen, who as the name changing custom waned, came into their own, battling under their baptismal names like Jake LaMotta, Tony Canzoneri, Rocky Graziano, Fred Apostoli, Melio Bettina, Carmen Basilio, Tony and Paddy DeMarco, Billy, Frankie and Peter Petrolle.

Also Steve Belloise, Mike Belloise, Tony "Young" Marullo, Frankie Genaro, Fidel LaBarba, Tony Galento, Tami Mauriello, Rocky Castellani, Ernie Durando, Joey Giardello, Lou Salica, Joey Giambra, Tony Shucco, Lou Scozza, Lulu Costantino, Tony Pellone, Dominick Petrone, Vic Burrone, Ralph Zanelli, Marty Servo, Tony Janiro, Johnny Indresano, Charley Fusari, Sal Bartola, Frankie Terranova, Pete Scalzo, Izzy Jannazzo, Canadians Frankie Battaglia, Bat Battalino and Johnny Greco. These all kept the champions busily defending against them when they were not holding world titles themselves.

The Italian influx into the prize ring began shortly after World War 1 and has continued on to the present time, hitting a crescendo with the domination of Rocky Marciano, the outstanding figure of his time in the sport.

It is hard to rate an undefeated heavyweight champion anywhere but at the top and so it follows that Rocky Marciano must be accorded the peak position among Italian fighters past and present.

THERE are some dissenters who feel that the uncanny mastery of his trade exampled by Willie Pep, should make him No. 1 in any size-up of all-time stars. But, after all, the heavyweight king is boss of all he surveys and the wizardous Willie is only a little featherweight. Furthermore, he has been in a number of very unsatisfactory bouts in recent years.

Tony Canzoneri has his adherents too, and they are on solid ground when they say there have been few, if any better all around mittmen than the moon-faced kid from New Orleans. Rocky was a slugger pure and simple, they point out, and Willie the other extreme, was a fragile boxer. Tony could do both as well as anybody, and on top of that, he was game and rugged, could punch, never ducked any opponent in a long ring career, and was crowned cham-

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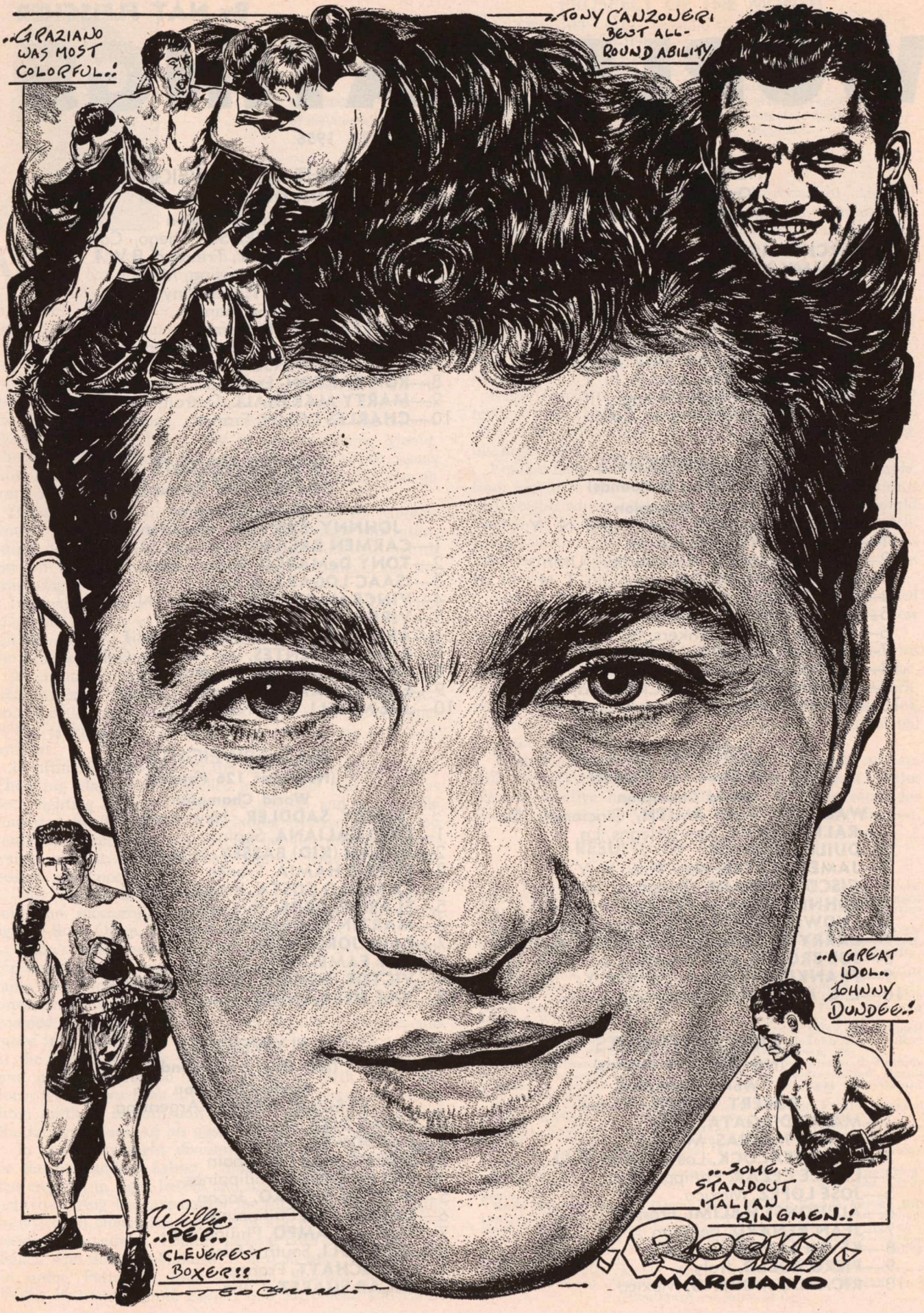
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ROCKY MARCIANO

By NAT FLEISCHER

WORLD RATINGS

FOR THE MONTH ENDING MAY 21, 1956

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Over 175 Pounds)

World Champion—Vacant

1—**ARCHIE MOORE,** San Diego, Calif.
2—**TOMMY JACKSON,** Far Rockaway, N. Y.
3—**BOB BAKER,** Pittsburgh, Pa.
4—**FLOYD PATTERSON,** Brooklyn, N. Y.
5—**JOHN HOLMAN,** Chicago, Ill.
6—**JOHNNY SUMMERLIN,** Detroit, Mich.
7—**WILLIE PASTRANO,** New Orleans, La.
8—**HAROLD CARTER,** Linden, N. J.
9—**BOB SATTERFIELD,** Chicago, Ill.
10—**EDDIE MACHEN,** Fresno, Calif.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 175 Pounds)

World Champion
ARCHIE MOORE, San Diego, Calif.

1—**YOLANDE POMPEY,** Trinidad, B.W.I.
2—**CHUCK SPIESER,** Lansing, Mich.
3—**GERHARD HECHT,** Germany
4—**HANS STRETZ,** Germany
5—**WILLI HOEPNER,** Germany
6—**JOEY MAXIM,** Cleveland, Ohio
7—**HAROLD JOHNSON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
8—**RON BARTON,** England
9—**MARTY MARSHALL,** Detroit, Mich.
10—**CHARLES COLIN,** France

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not Over 160 Pounds)

World Champion
RAY ROBINSON, New York, N. Y.

1—**CHARLEY HUMEZ,** France
2—**GENE FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah
3—**CARL (BOBO) OLSON,** Honolulu, T. H.
4—**BOBBY BOYD,** Chicago, Ill.
5—**MILO SAVAGE,** Salt Lake City, Utah
6—**RALPH JONES,** Yonkers, N. Y.
7—**CHARLEY JOSEPH,** New Orleans, La.
8—**EDUARDO LAUSSE,** Argentina
9—**ROCKY CASTELLANI,** Cleveland, Ohio
10—**HOLLY MIMS,** Washington, D. C.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 147 Pounds)

World Champion
JOHNNY SAXTON, Brooklyn, N. Y.

1—**CARMEN BASILIO,** Syracuse, N. Y.
2—**TONY DeMARCO,** Boston, Mass.
3—**ISAAC LOGART,** Cuba
4—**VINCE MARTINEZ,** Paterson, N. J.
5—**VIRGIL AKINS,** St. Louis, Mo.
6—**ART ARAGON,** Los Angeles, Calif.
7—**RAMON FUENTES,** Los Angeles, Calif.
8—**GEORGE BARNES,** Australia
9—**EMILIO MARCONI,** Italy
10—**JOE MICELI,** New York, N. Y.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not Over 135 Pounds)

World Champion
WALLACE (BUD) SMITH, Cincinnati, O.

1—**RALPH DUPAS,** New Orleans, La.
2—**DUILIO LOI,** Italy
3—**JAMES CARTER,** New York, N. Y.
4—**CISCO ANDRADE,** Compton, Calif.
5—**JOHNNY GONSALVES,** Oakland, Calif.
6—**LUDWIG LIGHTBURN,** British Honduras
7—**LARRY BOARDMAN,** Marlboro, Conn.
8—**JOE BROWN,** New Orleans, La.
9—**FRANKIE RYFF,** New York, N. Y.
10—**L. C. MORGAN,** Youngstown, Ohio

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not Over 126 Pounds)

World Champion
SANDY SADDLER, New York, N. Y.

1—**FRED GALIANA,** Spain
2—**HOGAN (KID) BASSEY,** Nigeria
3—**CHERIF HAMIA,** France
4—**CARMELO COSTA,** Brooklyn, N. Y.
5—**FLASH ELORDE,** Philippines
6—**MARTIN RODRIGUEZ,** Cuba
7—**PAUL JORGENSEN,** Port Arthur, Tex.
8—**RAY FAMECHON,** France
9—**VICTOR (SONNY) LEON,** Venezuela
10—**JOSE HERNANDEZ,** Spain

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not Over 118 Pounds)

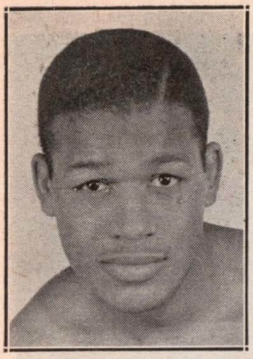
World Champion
ROBERT COHEN, France

1—**MARIO D'AGATA,** Italy
2—**RATON MACIAS,** Mexico
3—**BILLY PEACOCK,** Los Angeles, Calif.
4—**LITTLE CEZAR,** Philippines
5—**JOSE LOPEZ,** Mexico
6—**ALPHONSE HALIMI,** France
7—**JEAN RENARD,** Belgium
8—**KEVIN JAMES,** Australia
9—**PIERO ROLLO,** Italy
10—**RICARDO MORENO,** Mexico

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not Over 112 Pounds)

World Champion
PASCUAL PEREZ, Argentina

1—**MEMO DIEZ,** Mexico
2—**DAI DOWER,** Wales
3—**YOUNG MARTIN,** Spain
4—**LEO ESPINOSA,** Philippines
5—**HITOSHI MISAKO,** Japan
6—**DANNY KID,** Philippines
7—**TANNY CAMPO,** Philippines
8—**JAKE TULI,** South Africa
9—**GUY SCHATT,** France
10—**OSCAR SUAREZ,** Cuba



RAY ROBINSON
Fighter of the Month

WITH Rocky Marciano's retirement, at least six of the ten internationally ranked heavyweights will receive an opportunity to battle it out for the vacant title, if we are to accept the decision of Jim Norris, head of the International Boxing Club.

Mr. Norris announced that he considers Archie Moore, Bob Baker, John Holman, Hurricane Jackson, Floyd Patterson and Johnny Summerlin as the best qualified for an elimination tournament. He had barely stated this when one of the six, Holman, eliminated himself in the Miami Beach contest with Baker. Of the five remaining Moore, who at this writing holds the light heavyweight crown, seems most likely to emerge the leader, though Patterson has an army of supporters.

Hitherto rated as the number one contender for Moore's crown, Patterson, who hasn't faced any tough opposition during the past year, has been dropped from the lighter division to take his place among the challengers for the heavyweight crown. He is listed fourth.

In ranking Patterson so high, as a heavyweight, The Ring Magazine is doing so as a result of the recognition Patterson has achieved in the current elimination tournament for the heavyweight crown.

In making the ratings, The Ring Magazine studies concrete evidence. However, now and then an unusual situation like that involving Patterson arises, and the compiler of the rankings has to fall back on impressions and comparisons.

In lifting Patterson out of the light heavyweight division, The Ring Magazine is impelled by the fact that Floyd has been fighting at better than 180 pounds and is generally conceded by fistic experts, including Marciano, as a top contender despite the fact that he has not met any heavyweight of note thus far except Jimmy Slade who he has beaten and knocked out.

The **"Fighter of the Month Award"** goes to Ray Robinson who successfully defended his middleweight crown against Bobo Olson, knocking out Bobo in four.

Olson's loss, combined with defeats of several of the top ranking boxers, caused an upheaval in the middleweight ranks and Gene Fullmer of West Jordan, Utah, figured prominently in this. His triumph over Ralph "Tiger" Jones enabled him to get behind Charley Humez of France, and move into third place. Milo Savage who suffered a defeat at the hands of young Charley Joseph of New Orleans, a fine prospect, dropped from second to fifth place and Jones went down from fifth to sixth with Joseph advancing from ninth to seventh post. Artie Towne is taken out of the ratings because of his upset loss to Eddie Smith.

In the heavyweight division, Moore still sets the pace as the outstanding fighter. Since the Marciano fight he has engaged in eight battles and scored six knockouts. His activity during his preparation for the defense of his light heavyweight crown, has put him in fine fettle for the heavyweight elimination. Tommy Jackson rates behind him and Baker, who defeated Holman, is next in line. Then follow in order, Patterson, John Holman, Johnny Summerlin, Willie Pastrano, Harold Carter, Bob Satterfield, and Eddie Machen who replaces Nino Valdes, who has been eliminated.

With Patterson out of the light heavyweight class, all hands have been upped with Charles Colin, champion of France, returned to the Number Ten post. Yolande Pompey heads the contenders, with Chuck Speiser number two.

The division is the poorest of all and only its weakness, enables Harold Johnson and Joey Maxim to continue to hold a place among the ranked ten.

The only change in the welter class finds Joe Miceli of New York, close loser to Isaac Logart of Cuba, dropped from ninth to tenth, exchanging posts with Emilio Marconi of Italy.

Ralph Dupas of New Orleans tops the lightweight contenders with Duilio Loi of Italy dropping to second. Loi drew with featherweight Jose Hernandez of Spain to lose his high ranking.

Frankie Ryff, due to inactivity has taken another tumble, from eighth to ninth place while Joe Brown, New Orleans lightweight, who is back in stride and easily defeated world champion Wallace (Bud) Smith in an overweight match, has regained a spot in the international selections and is rated eighth. Kenny Lane has been dropped to make room for Brown.

Among the feathers Flash Elorde of Manila climbed from sixth to fifth and Martin Rodriguez of Cuba now occupies sixth.

Paul Jorgensen of Port Arthur, Texas, continued his rise. He advanced from eighth to seventh position replacing Ray Famechon of France who is now listed eighth, and Willie Pep, who though he won his 200th bout, continues to face ordinary talent, has again been eliminated to make room for Jose Hernandez of Spain.

With Emil Chemama of France killed in an auto mishap, Billy Peacock remains in third, replacing Chemama. Peter Keenan inactive has been eliminated to make room for Ricardo Moreno of Mexico in the bantamweight division.

PROSPECT OF THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHT—Baker Gamble, Galveston, Texas
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT—Sonny Hett, Portland, Oregon
MIDDLEWEIGHT—Richard Kelly, Florence, S. C.
WELTERWEIGHT—Robert E. Lee, Houston, Texas
LIGHTWEIGHT—Stan Fitzgerald, Buffalo, N. Y.
FEATHERWEIGHT—Rudy Martinez, Pierdras Negras, Mexico
BANTAMWEIGHT—Teddy Rand, Los Angeles, Calif.
FLYWEIGHT—Chico Argaez, Yucatan, Mexico

RESULTS OF THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Bob Baker outpointed John Holman, 12. James J. Parker kayoed Heinz Neuhaus, 3. Eddie Machen upset Nino Valdez, 10. European Champion Franco Cavicchi outpointed French title-holder Maurice Mols, 10 (non-title).

Ezzard Charles stopped Don Jasper, 9. Ben Wise kayoed Bob Albright, 10. Kit Lave kayoed British Empire Champion Don Cockell, 2. Peter Bates halted German Champion Gerhard Hecht, 5. Joe Bygraves stopped Jack Gardner, 2; and Marcel Limage, 8.

Amos Lincoln defeated Howard King, 10. Pat McMurtry stopped Matt Jackson, 7. Henry Cooper wrecked Brian London, 1.

Charlie Powell defeated Neal Welch, 10. Pedro Klyssems became Dutch champion by stopping Willy Schagen, 6. Duke Sabedong defeated Willie Bean, 10. Roy Harris kayoed Johnny Bullard, 4.

Bob Woodall stopped Coley Wallace, 10. Orient Champion Isimeli Radrodro demolished Deavin Hayes, 1. Mike DeJohn kayoed Roy Bullock, 7. Joe Erskine edged out Dick Richardson, 10.

Buddy Turman kayoed Dick Mays, 2; and Jess Alonzo, 5. Francis Magnetto flattened Idrissa Diop, 3. George Moore halted Frank Williams, 5. George Parmentier was kayoed by Light heavyweight king Archie Moore, 3.

Oscar Pharo kayoed Dan Vanderford, 3. Emile Vidale repeated previous decision over Spanish champion, Jose Gonzales, 8.

George Kartalian and Bob Biehler drew, 6. Harley Breshears kayoed Pat O'Day, 1. Ismaeli Radrado kayoed Deavin Hayes, 1.

Al Lane defeated Stan Mylinski, 6; and Gene White, 6. Tommy Thompson bested Jimmy O'Brien, 8.

Scandinavian Champion Ingemar Johansson walloped Hans Friedrich, 10. Bob Butcher kayoed Dick Tanner, 2; and beat Clyde Bemby, 6.

Rudy Williams kayoed Johnny Black, 3. Dick Zasada kayoed Bill Leary, 1. Wayne Womichil kayoed Buddy Roettger, 2; and Hubert Kohli, 1. Eddie Johan beat Dave Roy, 10; Roy stopped Tom Busby, 1.

Freddy Milton beat Clarence Williams, 6. Baker Gamble kayoed Don Tucker, 6. Ben Wallace beat Dave Mundy, 5. Dave Bailey kayoed Billy Black, 2.

World Champion Archie Moore kayoed George Parmentier, 3 (non-title), Sonny Andrews, 4 (non-title), and Gene Thompson, 3

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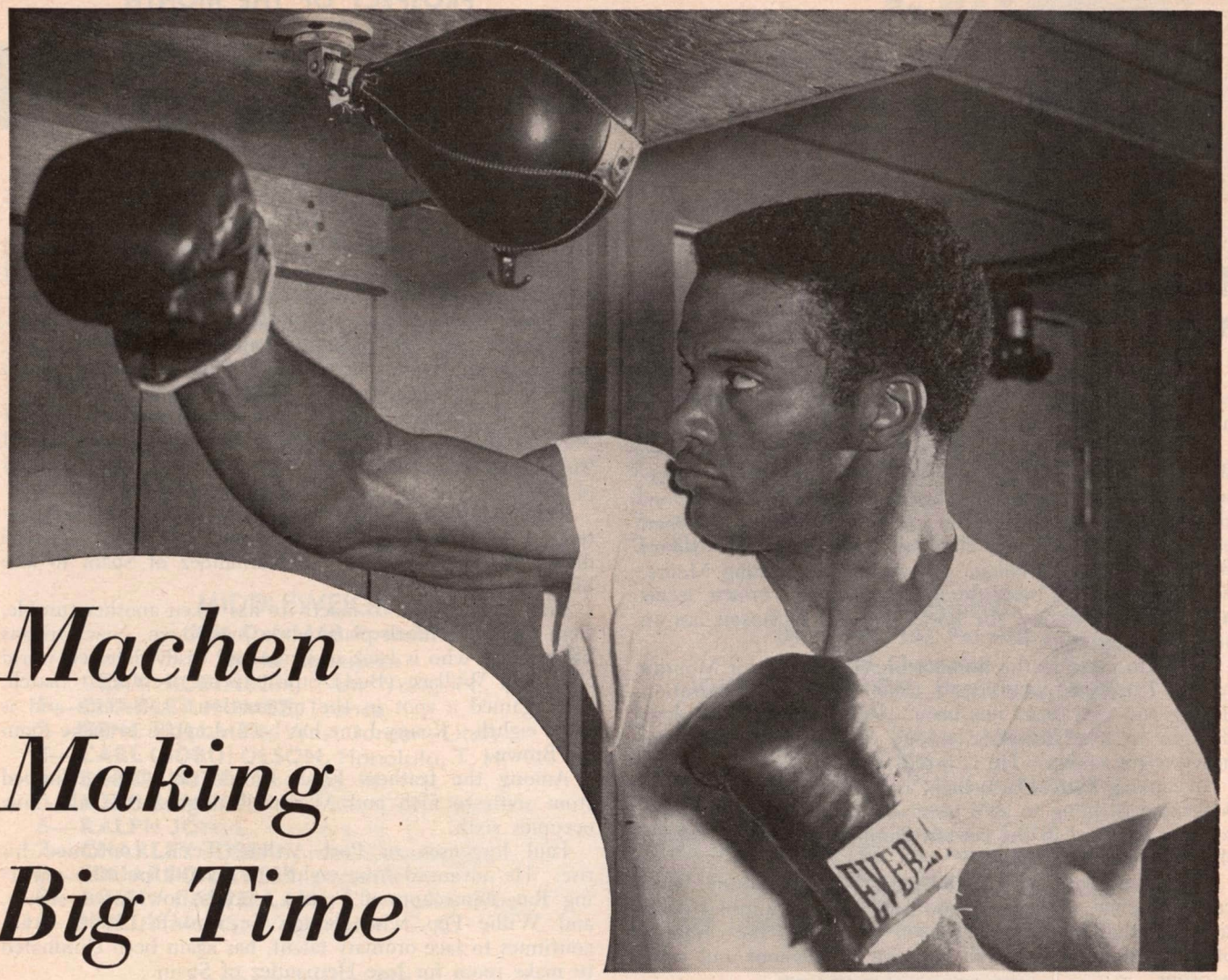


Machen Making Big Time

By MURRAY GOODMAN

Eddie Machen of Redding, California, who has his eye on the heavyweight title.

WHILE everybody is wondering who will come out of the elimination tournament to replace Rocky Marciano, retired, as heavyweight champion of the world, a young man from California assures the fistic front that it is merely a matter of time before he asserts himself as a titleholder.

Eddie Machen is the name, and he's neither in a hurry nor a boastful blowhard. *"It may take a year, maybe less, maybe a little more," he said. "But I'm more than ready for what's up there now. I have watched all of them—Jackson, Patterson, Baker, Holman, Moore, and I fear none of them.*

"They are all in the same class—they are average heavyweights and you'll find one winning one day and the other winning the next. There is no distinction among them.

"Patterson? Yes, I've seen Patterson. I met him personally when he fought Dave Whitlock. Sure he's good, against a Whitlock, but he's no heavyweight. He didn't fight anybody. He hits fast but he has no punch, and he has never been hit by a real heavyweight. The best he's fought so far are Jimmy Slade and Archie McBride. They are not tests that lead to the world heavyweight championship.

"As for Moore, who may be the best of them all, he's too old and that doesn't speak well for the rest of them. If the best is too old, how good can the others be?"

FOOTBALL WAS EDWARD'S MAJOR SPORT IN SCHOOL

There's quite a story behind this frank young man. He was born Edward Mills Machen in Redding, California, on June 15, 1932. His father, Norman Machen, is a contract mail carrier in Redding. His mother, Carrie, is a housewife. There are five other brothers, two younger, three older than Eddie.

Paul, 17, is the only other one with the craving for a fight career. He is just getting started in the amateurs. Bobby is 21. Clifford and Kenneth, twins, are 30 years old, and Dave is 35.

Eddie attended Shasta Union High School in Redding but quit after his second year. He was a varsity fullback and a member of the regular basketball team but boxing was in his blood even in high school.

Football was his major interest and when the coach of his high school team shifted to a Junior College in nearby Yuba City, Eddie and the rest of the football team went with him. The coach didn't last long, however. He was fired in a dispute.

"When they canned the coach," explained Machen, *"they got rid of us, too. We went with the coach.*

"It was then that I decided to stick to boxing. I used to fight a lot as a kid—in school competition and in the streets. I followed the careers of Joe Louis and Ray Robinson and

it grew on me. I fought so much, the family decided I might as well be a fighter and get paid for it.

"My uncle, Dave Mills, was heavyweight champion of South America and beat Luis Angel Firpo. He also fought guys like Jack Johnson. He started teaching me and was my first manager."

The Ring Record Book shows that Mills fought Firpo three times and lost three and has no record of any fight with Johnson but those were days when records, particularly of foreign fights, might have gone astray. Mills, however, was quite a fighter—an American who made South America his home.

LEE HUGHES GOT HIM BACK INSIDE THE ROPES

"My uncle and I disagreed on a few things," added Eddie, *"and we split up. I tied up with Christie Louis, who trained me, and in 1951 I began my career."*

Things did not work out, however. He had only three amateur fights, winning two by knockout. One ended in a draw. It was not until he turned professional in 1955 that Machen laced on another glove in recognized competition. He simply went to work with his father delivering the mail, and cut down trees. While his fistic career languished for four years, his strength grew. As a boy, he had been a pin-setter in a bowling alley and had sold newspapers. Machen continued:

"I lost my interest in boxing. I was too young for the service and working with my father and in the woods was fun and healthy. It was Lee Hughes who got me back into boxing."

Hughes had known about this strapping youth. Early in 1955, he talked Machen into becoming a professional. His first fight took place on March 22, in Sacramento. Machen knocked out Raul Flores in one round. He won his next nine fights by knockouts. Hughes, meanwhile, had brought Machen to Syd Flaherty, a prominent Coast manager. They made a deal and Flaherty became Machen's pilot.

"I can't praise Flaherty enough," declared Machen. *"While my home is still in Redding, I live in a San Francisco apartment. Syd watches over me like a father. He has helped me tremendously. He is a great teacher and is understanding. Without him, I wouldn't want to be a fighter."*

EASY WIN OVER MEDEROS SHOT MACHEN TO FORE

Flaherty also had Bobo Olson, then world middleweight champion. He did not neglect Machen, however. He moved him slowly. It was not until this year that Machen became a national figure. He fought more-experienced Julio Mederos, the Cuban who had knocked out Roland LaStarza and had given Bob Baker quite a tussle. The fight was on television.

Machen won easily, displaying speed, skill and a fair punch.

His next fight was against Nino Valdes, a contender. There was no question about his victory over the big Cuban. Machen bars nobody in his path toward the title.

This was his thirteenth straight victory.

Eddie stands 5 feet 11½ inches in height, weighs around 195, a good figure for a prospective titleholder. He is single at the moment, although he admits to going steady with Charlotte Nelson, an Oakland girl.

"I want to get a shot at that title I'm going to win," he said, *"before getting married."*

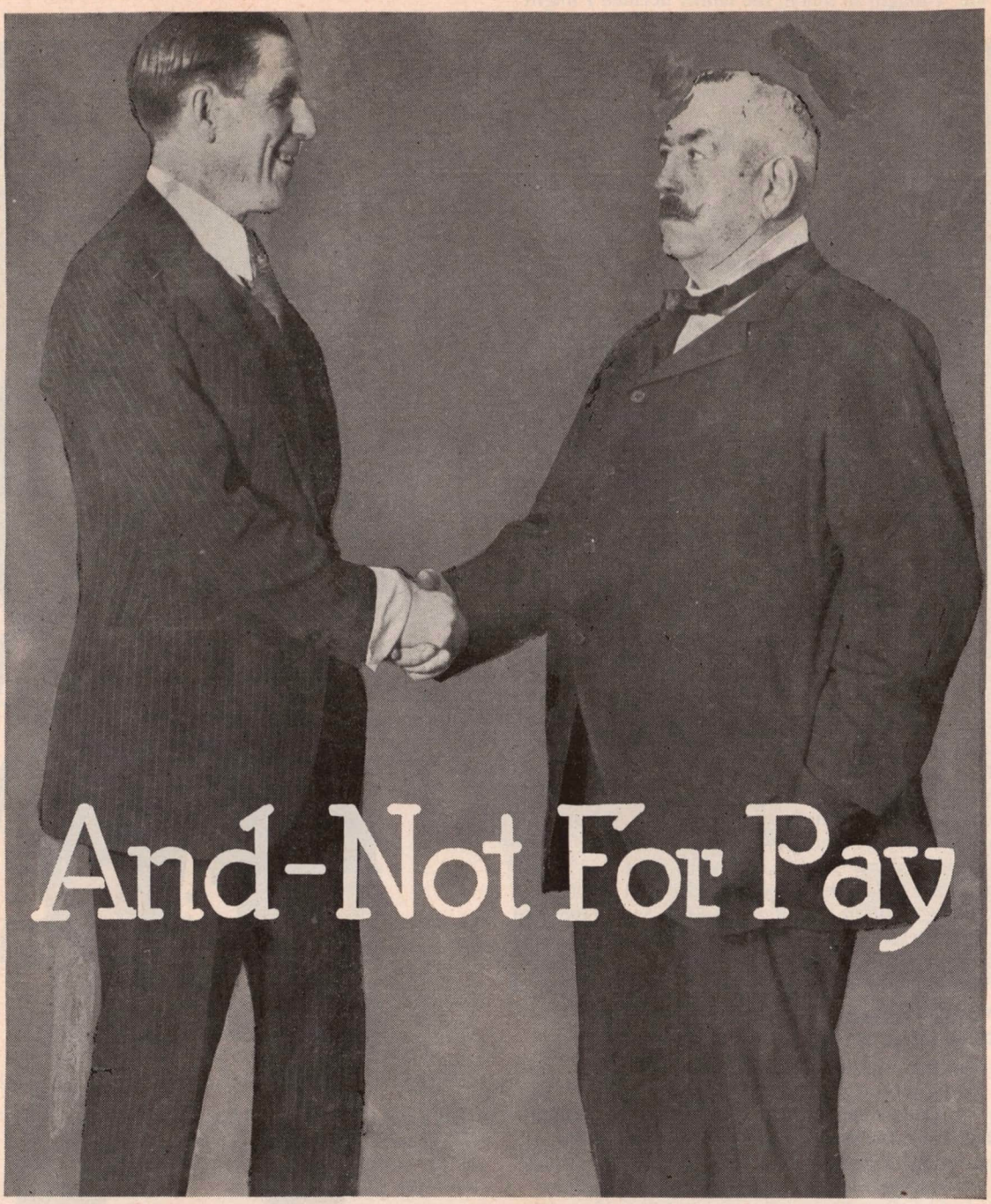
He has no particular hobbies. He plays tennis, bowls a bit.

"I have plans, however. Plans for the title."

Machen could go on talking about his plans. But he'd rather work them out for you in the rings against top contenders.

Machen may be the dark horse of the elimination field. Who knows? The development of a champion out of this California prospect hardly would be precedent shaking.

Machen has won thirteen straight, his last two over Julio Mederos and Nino Valdes. He may be the dark horse in the heavyweight picture.



And-Not For Pay

Nearly a half-century of feuding ended when Jim Corbett (left) shook hands with John L. Sullivan in ring of Madison Square Garden before start of Jess Willard-Frank Moran bout in 1916.

By JERSEY JONES

NEWS dispatches from Sydney reported an impromptu street scuffle between a couple of retired boxers—Jimmy Carruthers, former world bantam champion, and Ray Coleman, ex-Australian featherweight title-holder.

The accounts said that Carruthers and Coleman, without gloves, ring or referee, and with some thirty non-paying witnesses looking on, slugged it out for 14 minutes until Coleman, knocked down seven times, admitted he'd had enough.

The brawl was a carry-over from the active ring days of the two boys. Back in 1952, Carruthers, on his way to the world 118-pound laurels, had taken a 12-round decision from Coleman in the Sydney Stadium. Ray blamed his defeat on having to weaken himself by "making" 122 pounds for his bantam rival.

That licking continued to rankle with Coleman even after both lads had ended their ring careers. It was bound to explode sooner or late. Carruthers, now a saloon-keeper, explained the flare-up and resultant slugfest:

"For some time Ray had been coming to my pub and creating disturbances. I run a respectable pub and cannot have that sort of behavior. I repeatedly asked Ray to behave himself or leave. Matters finally came to a head. I told Ray I could not have any more of it. He became nasty and wanted to fight. My patience had run out, so I decided to accommodate him. We went across the street

Street Fight Between Australian Rivals Recalls Other Extra-Curricular Activities of Ring Feudists

and fought it out with our fists. I am sure Ray realizes what happened to him that night will be repeated if he wants another return."

INCIDENTS of this sort have become rare in recent years, but time was when bitter feuds and extra-curricular activities among fighters were fairly common.

One of the most historic enmities was the one between Jim Corbett and John L. Sullivan. Actually, it was a one-sided affair. Sullivan bore no animosity toward Corbett, but "Gentleman Jim" waged a personal vendetta against John L. for years after both had quit the ring.

It seems strange that a winner should tote such bitterness against a man he has beaten, but with Corbett it apparently was a case of frustration. Instead of being hailed as a conquering hero after his stunning victory over Sullivan in New Orleans in 1892, Corbett was regarded as a sort of interloper who had ruined a public idol.

Corbett never did succeed to the popularity that had been Sullivan's, and he vented his spite against John L. at every opportunity. There is no record that they ever came to actual blows, but there was one occasion when they nearly did. That was in Reno in 1910 when Sullivan covered the Jack Johnson-Jim Jeffries affair as a special feature writer for a Boston newspaper.

Dropping into Jeff's training camp for a pre-battle interview, Sullivan was greeted by the news that he was not welcome. Corbett, who had attached himself to Jeff's menage in an advisory capacity, had issued the order. When John L. insisted on seeing Jeff, he and Corbett became embroiled in a heated argument, and only the timely intervention of Tommy Ryan and Jeff's brother, Jack, prevented the old rivals from trying to settle the matter with their fists.

It wasn't until 1916, when they were introduced from the ring just before the start of the Jess Willard-Frank Moran bout in Madison Square Garden, that Corbett and Sullivan finally shook hands and made peace.

ANOTHER notable feud that spanned two decades was the one between Jack McAuliffe and Young Griffo. It began with their ten-round non-title bout in Coney Island in 1894 when McAuliffe, then lightweight champion, was awarded a weird decision over the clever but eccentric Australian. The verdict didn't set well with Griffo, but he never was able to enveigle McAuliffe back into the ring with him, and any time he and Jack met up with each other in their rounds of Broadway saloons, it meant trouble.

McAuliffe was not one to carry a personal grudge forever. In 1914, when Griffo, by then a rum-soaked derelict, was sadly in need of a helping hand, McAuliffe was instrumental in arranging several benefit shows for him.

What, by now, has become one of boxing's prize legends was the supposed run-in between middleweight champion Harry Greb and welterweight title-holder Mickey Walker a few hours after their gruelling 15-rounder, won by Greb, in New York's Yankee Stadium in 1925.

According to the story, Greb and Walker, both headed for a bit of night-clubbing, tangled in front of the Silver Slipper, one of Broadway's liveliest entertainment spots. The rivals, without benefit of the Marquis of Queensberry code, had a boisterous time slugging each other until friends pulled them apart.

We wouldn't know whether the tale had any foundation in fact or was the product of someone's overly fertile imagination. Walker tells the story now as though it actually happened, but the late Joe Degnan, of Newark, a close personal friend of Mickey's, insisted the yarn was a myth. We recall discussing it with Joe some years ago. "The story was so widely circulated," he said, "that Mickey began to believe it himself. Actually, he didn't go anywhere after the fight except to a hotel. I was with him every second. Mickey's face was badly bruised and swollen, and I was up all night applying ice packs to it."

NEIGHBORHOOD feuds have been fairly common in this rugged industry. A typical case involved Charley (Iron Man) Sieger and Frankie Nelson, a pair of Hoboken lightweights popular during the pre-World War I era.

It began as a natural rivalry between two locals. They fought twice at Bill Brown's gym in New York, but instead of settling the matter of supremacy between them, the two

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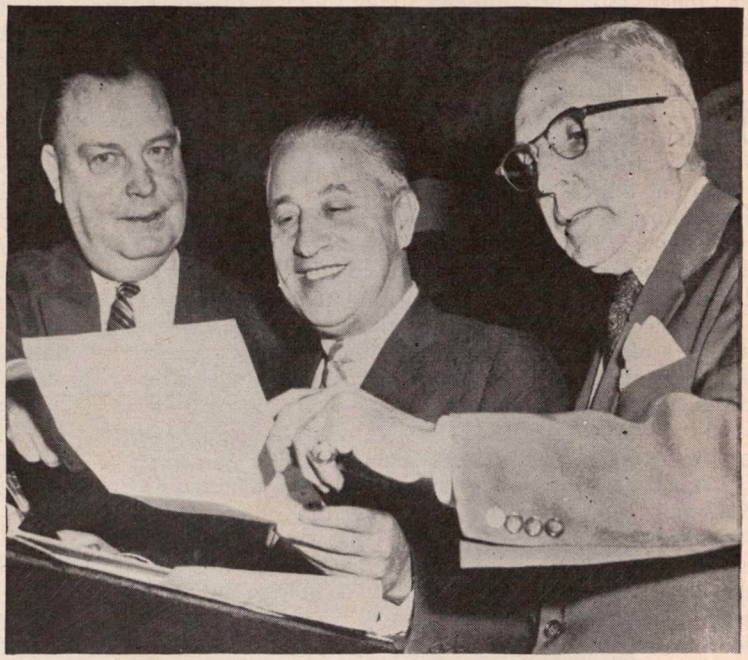
A once marvelous boxer, Young Griffo was rum-soaked derelict when his long, bitter "war" with former lightweight champion Jack McAuliffe ended. McAuliffe was instrumental in arranging several benefit shows for his old rival.

Nat FLEISCHER

says:

"We Must Stand or Fall Together," Warns Helfand. Country-wide Hearings Best Solution to Clean-Up of Boxing



The Big Three In Boxing—James Crowley, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Commission; Julius Helfand, head of the New York Board and George Barton, veteran Minnesota Commissioner, at the Harrisburg, Pa., convention to discuss a uniform boxing code. Governor Leader was responsible for the get-to-gether.

THE State investigation of boxing in California is ended. It was the most thorough probe of its kind ever conducted in this country, even more so than that of the New York Commission, and brought to light the abominable conditions existing in boxing. What is true of California is true of almost every state.

The crusading New York Commissioner, Julius Helfand, and Jim Crowley, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Board, proved conclusively that the plight of boxing in America rests wholly on the doorsteps of the men who through legislative powers, have been appointed to guide the sport along proper lines but have been derelict in their duty. When Joe Genshlea, secretary of the California State Commission, appearing before Commissioner Cox, admitted to the investigating board that flagrant violations had taken place without any action on the part of the Athletic Commissions, he spoke a mouthful.

Those who administer the law are responsible for the dirt that has been brought out under oath in every investigation thus far held. Willie Ritchie, Chief Inspector of the California Commission and Commissioner Frye, could have prevented the stench in Pacific Coast boxing had they been properly supported by the members of the Boxing Board instead of being ridiculed, shifted to other sectors and generally belittled in the eyes of the public.

Ritchie five years ago told of the fake fights, gross violations by promoters and interference by gangsters. Instead of being patted on the back and permitted to present his case for a clean up, he was informed by the Commission to mind his business and not interfere, though his business was exactly what he was minding when he brought his charges against the manipulators.

If Governor Knight is really interested in getting boxing back in California to a high level, he'll make Willie Ritchie the chairman of a new board and give him carte blanche for a clean up.

Boxing is being kicked around as never before. **What is the "strong" National Boxing Association doing to help? Not a thing!** Only a handful of its executives have stood fast by the crusaders in an effort to clean up the sport, while the remainder, comprising the so-called "big shots" of the game, shut their eyes or do a lot of talking without as much as raising a hand to help the clean-up brigade.

Of what good are the meetings of the N. B. A. directors, their annual conventions and their promises? Ask Julius Helfand, Jim Crowley, George Barton of Minnesota and Fred Saddy of Wisconsin. They know. And so does the public.

Lack of cooperation, as Julius Helfand said, and fear of losing lucrative bouts, is the reason for the continued chaotic state of a sport in which the majority by far of several thousand competitors are honest, law abiding, fine lads, many of whom are paying their way through college through their little earnings in boxing.

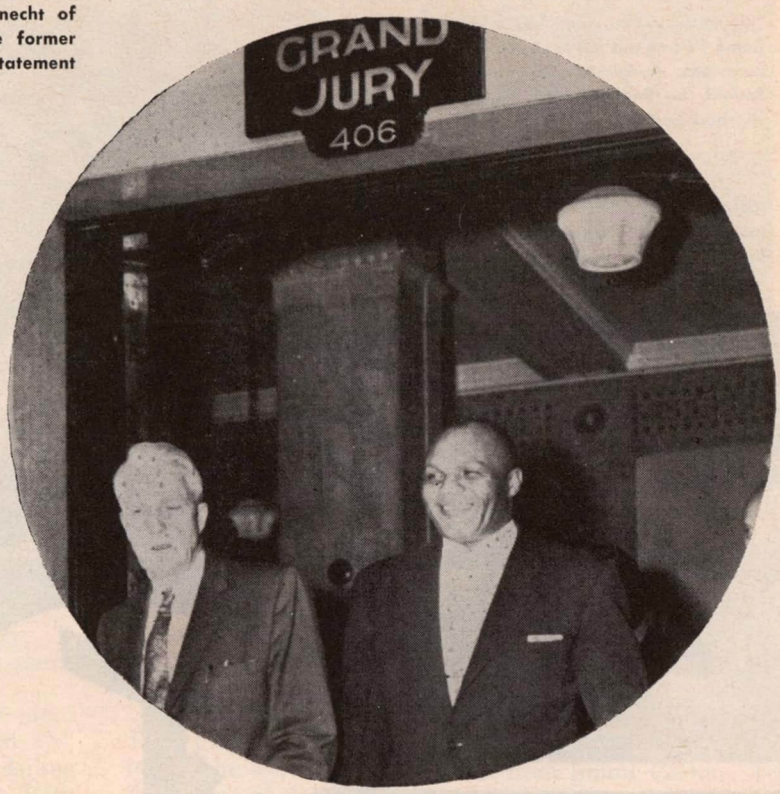
It is to these young men that boxing commissions owe a big debt.

In Chicago recently, Jersey Joe Walcott made a serious charge. Perhaps he was on the level when he told of the racketeering in boxing, but when he faced the Grand Jury which was eager to get the lowdown so that it could act according to law, the former World heavyweight king hedged. He pleaded that he didn't know names but figured, from hearsay, **"that there is about five percent of those in boxing who I believe boxing would be better off without. I never spoke of racketeering in Illinois,"** he said.

Was it fear that caused Jersey Joe to hedge on a statement attributed to him while exploiting Bud Schulberg's latest picture, "The Harder They Fall?"

Jersey Joe is of good character, an excellent family man, a fighter who made a great comeback and climbed from obscurity to fame and ended his career in a one round knockout at the hands of Rocky Marciano. He was managed by Felix Bocchicchio who couldn't obtain a license in New York.

Walcott had nothing specific to say to the Grand Jury



Smiling Jersey Joe Walcott and Attorney General John Gutknecht of Illinois, leaving the Grand Jury room in Chicago where the former world heavyweight champion was asked to elaborate on his statement that boxing in Illinois needs an overhauling.

about irregularities. Yet in exploiting the Shulberg picture he gave the public the impression that the sport in Illinois was in a bad state and needed an overhauling.

N.B.A. UNIFORM BOXING CODE STRIKES SNAG

The National Boxing Association members who together with Chairman Julius Helfand of the New York Commission, engaged in a two days session in Harrisburg for the purpose of preparing material for the adoption of a national uniform code for boxing, made some headway, but it is doubtful if any good will come from the intensive hearings. The reason? Again lack of cooperation.

In Europe every member of the European Boxing Union stands with associates in abiding by the decisions of the executive council, American commissions, with few exceptions, have seen fit too often to toss aside agreements when such action on their part enables one state to grab off a fight banned in another through the suspension of one or both boxers or managers. Thus rules made to be obeyed, are frequently shunted to the sidelines without regard to an obligation such State owes to its fellow members. That's why boxing is in such a chaotic state in America.

It was hoped that the proposed National Association Uniform Code would come nearer to realization at the meeting called by Governor Leader of Pennsylvania and his able boxing commissioner, Jim Crowley, but it was obvious following the attack by Commissioner Helfand that little good would come of the hearing.

Commissioner Helfand brought out a very important point, one on which rests the entire success of national boxing, namely that no rules, no matter how good, will bring the sport out of its present chaotic condition unless every commission in America stands together as one. He hit the nail on the head when he spoke up:

"Where the trouble is now, is in the enforcement and I don't think that the adoption of a uniform code would solve the problem. The basic thing before even starting to write a new code, is to resolve meaningfully, to enforce the laws now on our books.

"The best thing that can come out of this meeting of national commissioners over and above the adoption of a uniform code, is a strong resolution, with the people doing the resolving, intending to keep their word for the proper enforcement of laws we already have. We must show by deeds what we intend for the future," he added.

As a start, Helfand suggested the elimination of every city commission, which he termed a hazard to boxing. "There are too many in our country and they cannot be helpful in the adoption of a uniform code or even enforcement of the existing law. With State appointed commissions, you have weak commissions when appointed by city government." **Every State should by legislative action have a State Athletic Commission.**

In this he is 100 percent correct. Each City Commission works for its own benefit, as a rule. It hampers, rather than aids boxing.

The crusading New York Commissioner hit the nail on the head. He struck at the most serious threat to clean, healthful boxing.

Unless the whole-hearted support of all commissions in law enforcement can be obtained, no national or universal code can help boxing any. We hope the N. B. A., in conjunction with the European Boxing Union which is in session this month, will find a way to get such enforcement.

But to obtain it, the American Commissions will have to follow in the foosteps of their European brethren and stand or fall together. No middleway road or intermediate road is possible.

Boxing is in a chaotic state not alone so far as world title bouts are concerned, but in all other fields. Weird decisions that have aroused public clamor for the ousting of incompetent referees and judges and investigations that have brought out plenty of dirt have soured the fans.

An amazed public rubs its eyes to make certain it is seeing the headlines pertaining to national boxing properly. Sworn evidence of collusion, prearranged deals to toss fights, violations of rules relating to combined managing and promoting; stealing of purses; short changing fighters whose efforts are "rewarded" with pitful purses after managers and go-betweens have taken their cut—all have brought boxing to the lowest level in years.

COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA: U. S. BOXING THE TARGET

In an article from Moscow a few weeks ago, a Soviet writer complained about the terrible plight of Negroes in American boxing. He told about discrimination, plundering and the short career of American Negro fighters due to lack of nourishment.

Of course, no person familiar with the great part Negroes have played and still play in world boxing and the great opportunities they have received in our country, would regard such an article as anything other than Communist propaganda. Considering that about seventy percent of the leading boxers of America are Negroes and that for many years they have held the top spots in pugilism, it seems strange that such an accusation should be made. Yet, after all, nothing is strange when it comes to Communists and their weird practices to arouse ill-feeling and race hatred.

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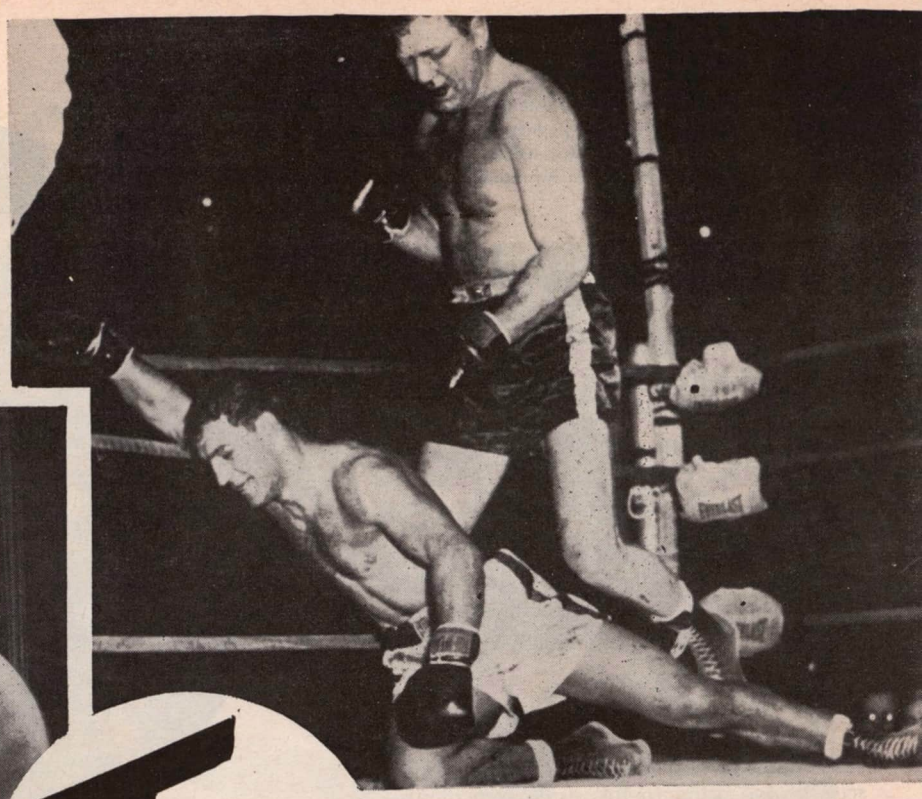


(Right) Rocky Marciano has seldom been seen on home TV and did not look too impressive on those occasions. Awkward and uninspiring against Lee Savold, he finally halted his opponent after a slipshod performance.

(Below) Bob Murphy (left), a bruising, rough-and-tough battler, quickly became a video favorite but was found lacking when he went for the light heavyweight title, losing to Joey Maxim.

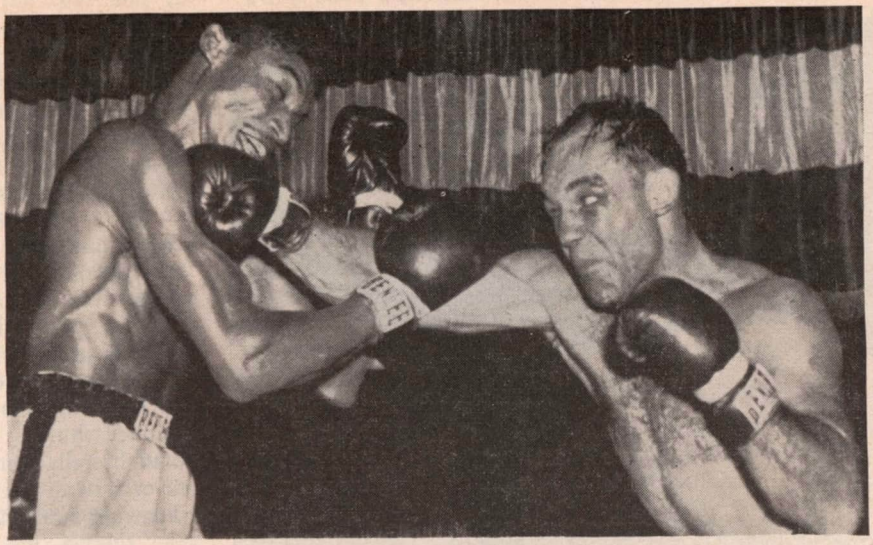
TV Favorites

(Above) Tom Collins was built up completely out of proportion by rabid TV fans and failed miserably when up against Jimmy Carter for the world lightweight title. Dropped seven times in the third round, he was finally stopped in the fourth.

(Left) Chuck Davey (left) was one of the original TV darlings, parlaying his elusive boxing and surprising knockouts, such as Chico Vejar (above), into a shot at the welterweight crown. Kid Gavilan then almost annihilated him.

Chuck Spieser, Latest TV Darling, May Be the First of His Species to Live Up to Expectations

By AL BUCK



Chuck Spieser (left) has risen rapidly in the ratings and popularity of TV fans. So far he has proven that he merits both with stirring victories and knockouts against top notch performers such as that against Willie Troy, above.

THE "build-up" is not new to the fistic industry. It is almost as old as boxing. But in recent years something has been added—Television.

Naturally the name of Chuck Davey comes to mind first. He is typical, a college boy who made good on TV, only to flop in the ring. Chuck Spieser is today's darling of the video fans. Will he prove another Davey? Both are alumni of Michigan State, and Hec Knowles, who managed Davey, is managing Spieser.

Spieser has a good foundation. He fought 150 amateur battles, and was on both the 1948 and 1952 Olympic teams. In 1948 he won the National AAU 175-pound title, and he also won two NCAA championships while at Michigan State.

There is evidence that Chuck learned his trade. He has stopped Joey Rowan, a heavyweight, and boxed to a draw with Willie Pastrano. Twenty-seven years old, and a former Air Force captain, Spieser is ready to be tested, as Davey was when he was matched with Kid Gavilan for the welterweight title.

When he climbed into the ring with the champion, Davey was undefeated. Thousands who had seen him on television against more or less ordinary opposition believed he was invincible. As part of the build-up, Rocky Graziano was persuaded to make a last stand against him. It was the Rock's last fight, and even then he was more an actor than a pugilist. The decision went to Davey, and the tired Graziano went on to other things.

DAVEY AND GAVILAN DREW $275,000 HOUSE

In Chicago, the heart of the Big Ten, few would believe Gavilan could defeat the Michigan State trained fighter. Chuck was the attraction, and 17,450 fans paid $275,454.66 to sit in the Chicago Stadium. There was a video blackout around Chicago. This was the pay-off. Gavilan collected by knocking out Davey in the 10th round.

Bob Murphy, southpaw light-heavyweight, also enjoyed a build-up. As a fighter he had a good deal of ability, but he was also a playboy. Although left-handed he fought squared away, and his style caught on with TV fans. Even an unlooked for defeat, by Harry (Kid) Matthews, failed to detract from Irish Bob's popularity.

It took Joey Maxim, defending the world light-heavyweight championship, to expose Murphy coast-to-coast. Whatever his shortcomings, Maxim did things the hard way. He fought tigers and lions, Ezzard Charles and Archie Moore. Joey played with Murphy for 15 rounds to the amazement of the thousands who had expected to see a new champion crowned. Little has been heard of Irish Bob since, and a tough question of a quiz show would be: "Who is Edwin Leo O'Connerty?"

Another built-up fighter, who came tumbling down was Tom Collins, the Boston featherweight, who attempted to win the world lightweight title from Jimmy Carter. To the horror of the video audiences, and the capacity crowd in the Boston Garden, Collins went down 10 times during the four rounds the mis-match lasted.

TV fans were sure they were looking at a murder. The network's phones were swamped with protests, but actually what they had seen wasn't even manslaughter. Collins had been over-sold, by the press in his native Boston, and in television bouts with Fabela Chavez and other minor opponents. He was called "Little John L.," and was compared favorably with the Boston Strongboy.

TV FANS DIDN'T KNOW COLLINS COULDN'T TAKE IT

Collins's admirers had overlooked only one thing. He couldn't take a punch, even a light one, and every time Carter tapped him he would crumple to the canvas. Although the weakness of his chin was suspected, and it was even suggested by visiting New York boxing writers, nobody in Boston would believe it. They had to be shown, and Carter showed them.

As popular as ever, Collins is a referee on the staff of the Massachusetts Commission. He was a victim of his own build-up.

Floyd Patterson, Vince Martinez and the original TV darling Jimmy Herring are others who have gotten big build-ups on TV. Patterson who until recently did all of his fighting on the screen and Martinez has each moved into title contention. Their next big bouts Patterson with Hurricane Jackson and Martinez against Tony DeMarco will be the test for them.

Herring, who appeared on TV more than any other scrapper, was a fine boxer-puncher with a crowd pleasing style. But, like Tommy Collins, his chin was not of the strongest and when he ventured in with the topnotchers he usually was kayoed.

Jack Hurley, a smart manager, kept Matthews off TV as much as possible. Once he had defeated Murphy, Harry (Kid) was in demand, but Hurley blasted the video interests for reducing gates everywhere, and not paying the fighters enough to make up the difference. He refused a chance for Matthews to fight Maxim, and the light-heavyweight

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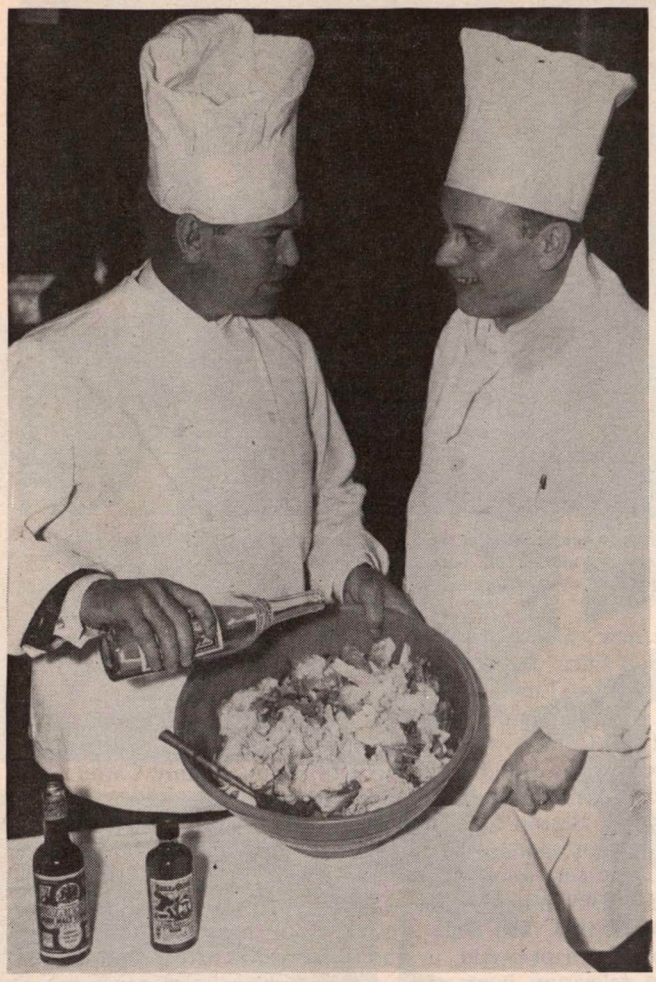


Too Many Cooks? Jack Dempsey (left) pitches in to do a little salad tossing with chef Gus Halitz at opening of his restaurant on corner of 49 Street and Eighth Avenue in New York in 1936.

Many Hungry Fighters Get The Business

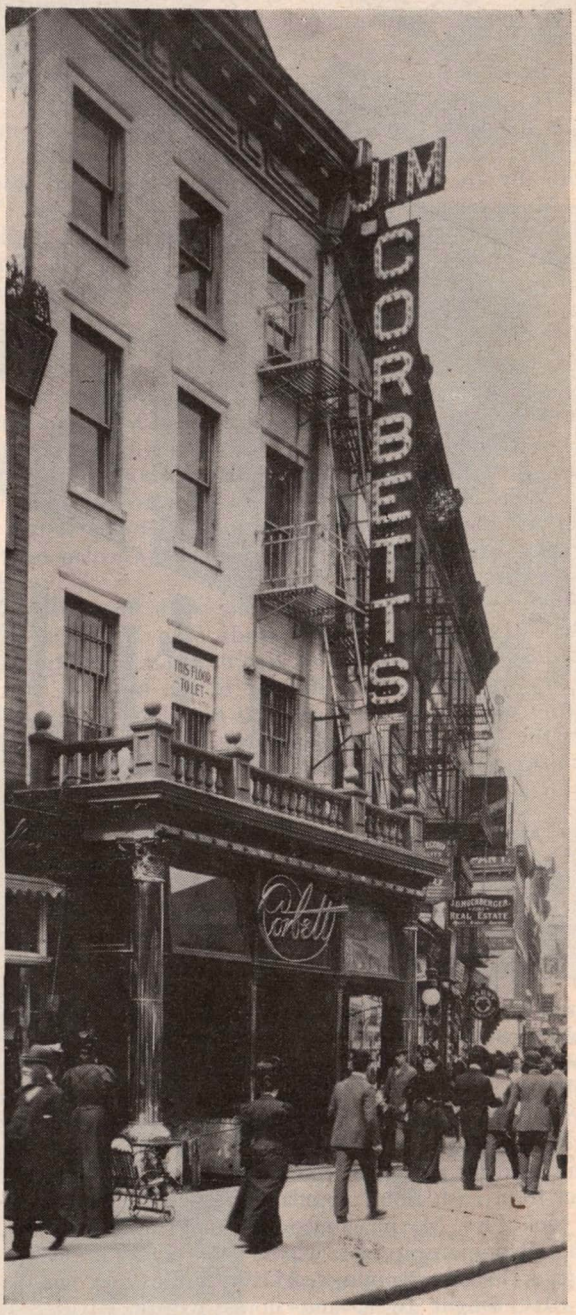
Ringmen Retire to Own Bars, Restaurants and Hotels and Cash in on Fame While Making Living

By JOHNNY SALAK

IT'S just about an even money shot that if a guy was once lacing on the gloves to make a living he will at one time or another during his life go into the hotel, restaurant or tavern trade, either owning, struggling to own or working along those lines. Maybe the odds aren't quite that short but when you start looking across the slew of them that fall in that category, it seems that way.

Why, we don't know. Psychologists would have a picnic with that meaty subject: is it some inner search for security that leads them to fields of bed, board and a shot of good time? Or just a simple (or is it simple?) wanting to bask in the glory, great or little, of once having been a pro fighter and cashing in on a name that meant something to a segment of the population?

Most fighters when they start are hungry—hungry for money, hungry for recognition and sometimes just plain and literally hungry. And quite often that hunger, which ever it was and whether it was all of them, never leaves, knawing away though they go on to make a million and gain



World heavyweight champion Jim Corbett's saloon, on Sixth Avenue and 33 Street, in New York, was a famous meeting place of people from the sporting and theatrical world.

wide acclaim or never graduate out of the four and six round ranks.

They seem to drift into the business, whether it is a posh establishment, like former world light heavyweight champion Bob Olin's On the Park Restaurant in New York, or a sawdust joint on one of the darker side streets.

This is not something new—dating back, as far as we can see, to the days of the ancient gladiators who, if they were fortunate enough to live through a series of mortal combats and eventually gained their freedom, usually wound up as proprietors of public houses, reliving their exploits for their patrons, adding a certain zest and spice to the meal, a little more joy of living to the wine.

And into early English ring history we see the same pattern, with fighters in addition to opening gymnasiums and boxing academies, going in for pubs and hostelries.

JUST before the turn of the century John L. Sullivan, tremendously popular, attempted to cash in on the business he liked best. Many other fighters had owned hotels, eating houses, gambling places and saloons—but none before—or since, with the exception of Dempsey—had the hold on the public which would have made whatever venture they went into a success.

Unfortunately for Sullivan, he was his own best—or worse—customer. How much money Sullivan went through on his mad carousals no one will ever know. How much he might have made had he tried to walk the straight and narrow a little is pure conjecture. They would have been fabulous sums. He was like the man who, while travelling, saw the sign "Drink Canada Dry" and then proceeded to try to do just that.

Sullivan, in his time, owned a number of hotels and bars, and spent enough in others to buy them ten times over. Back around 1900, he bought into The Domino, a hotel at 111 West 42nd Street, which was at the time the real Great White Way of New York City. It originally belonged to Brooklyn Jimmy Carroll, a middleweight of no mean stature in his day, who became Sullivan's partner.

The bar on the ground floor of the Hotel Domino was 25 feet wide, with three bartenders working at top speed in eight hour shifts to accommodate the consumers.

Behind the bar was Sullivan's championship belt, gold, encrusted with some 397 diamonds, for all to see—sometimes. Sometimes, we say, for it went into hock on numerous occasions when The Sullivan overly-often became overly-generous in buying the house a drink.

Sullivan had also owned a hotel in 1886 at the corner of 59th Street and Seventh Avenue, and he had Tommy Kelly, the former featherweight champion, in charge of it.

Then there was the saloon Sullivan had on Market Street, in New York and the yellowed clipping in the file that tells us of the time one of his bartenders had insulted Sullivan. The big champ took a couple of swings at him and threw him out. The following Sunday, when Sullivan wasn't on the premises, Fraser, the cautious ex-bartender, returned and hurled a beer glass—by then empty we presume—at a gas-lit chandelier. Fraser, then, is finally uncovered as one of the few men to have dimmed Sullivan's lamps.

John L. also became interested in a saloon in St. Louis at the time of the World's Fair in 1904. His partner was also named Sullivan, which should have made them an unbeatable pair. John L. had no capital invested in the place but owned equal shares because of the drawing ability of his connection with the place.

We can find no record of how the saloon fared but it must had done pretty well, if alone for the reason that by this time Sullivan had given up drinking completely.

Sullivan had sworn off the stuff and became a temperance lecturer, though he insisted he was not a reformer.

Another heavyweight champion, Jim Corbett, had a famous and popular bar, on Sixth Avenue and 33rd Street, where Sak's Department Store now stands. Outside he had a huge sign which spelled out the letters JIM CORBETT'S in electric bulbs.

JACK DEMPSEY, whose popularity has a strong hold on the public, has been interested in a succession of hotels and bars. After his split with manager Jack Kearns he took over the Hotel Barbara in Los Angeles. Later he had the Miami Beach Hotel and following that a restaurant on Eighth Avenue and 50th Street, across from Madison Square Garden, the old Rogers Corner.

Of course his restaurant on Broadway, between Forty Ninth and Fiftieth Streets, is world famous and just about every visitor to New York has "dinner at Dempsey's" on his list as a must.

Another fine place is the well patronized Bob Olin's On The Park, at 15 Central Park West, just off Sixtieth Street, in New York. Bob previously had an establishment a bit further down which was a success before scoring a knockout with his new place.

The former world lightheavyweight champion recently had the place redecorated, at a cost of $50,000, and is rightly proud of his establishment. Like Dempsey's, it is a place to see and be seen at, in addition to enjoing fine food.

Crowding in that stretch along the Main Stem in New York are other establishments owned by former champions. Just a few steps away from Dempsey's, but across the street and a block up, is Tony Canzoneri's place, and a block further, going uptown, is Mickey Walker's new place, The Palette.

Walker formerly owned a place on Eighth Avenue and 49th Street, the Toy Bulldog, which still carries his name but in which he is no longer interested.

In 1938, Jim Braddock, former world heavyweight champion, opened up a place on Broadway, appropriately called Inn Braddock's Corner, but it did not last too long,

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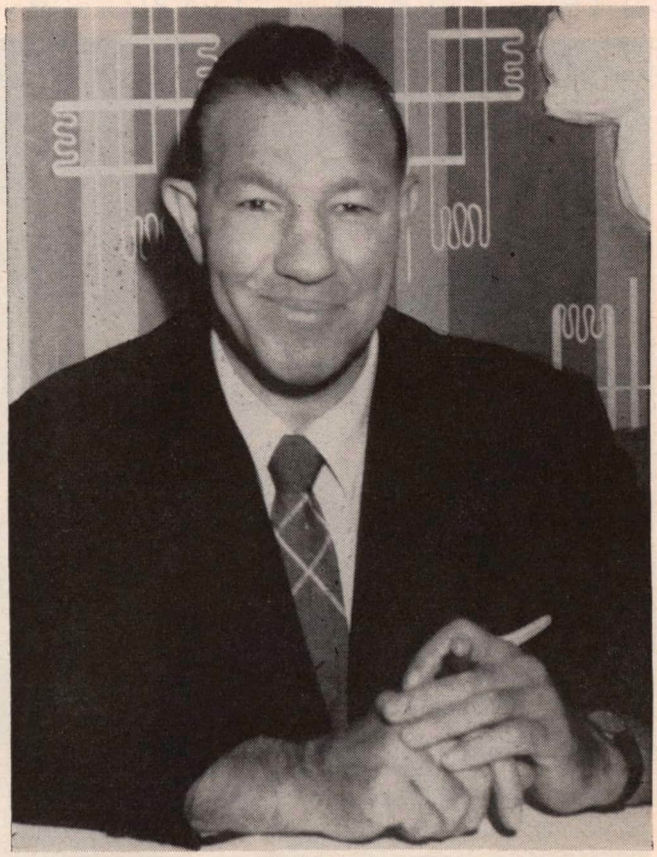


Bob Olin, one-time world light heavyweight champion, is always there to greet you at his well-patronized restaurant, Bob Olin's On The Park, at 15 Central Park West, in New York.

WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

BY "G.I." JOE SMITH

WASHINGTON—More than 100 boxers from stateside and overseas installations arrived at Bolling Air Force Base in quest of championships and a chance to compete in the National Amateur Athletic Union boxing championships at Boston.

Last year's Air Force winners automatically qualified for the five-day tournament without competing in local conference tournaments. Five of these champs—Earl Spence, Harry Smith, Willie Morton, Frank Davis and Paul Wright—successfully defended their titles.

Results of finals:

Flyweight (112)—Earl Spence, Bolling Air Force Base, won a split decision over Jesse Herrera, Wheeler Air Force Base, Hawaii.

Bantamweight (119)—Jimmy Connors, McGuire Air Force Base, N. C. knocked out Rafael Diaz, Caribou Air Force Station, Maine, in 56 seconds of the first round.

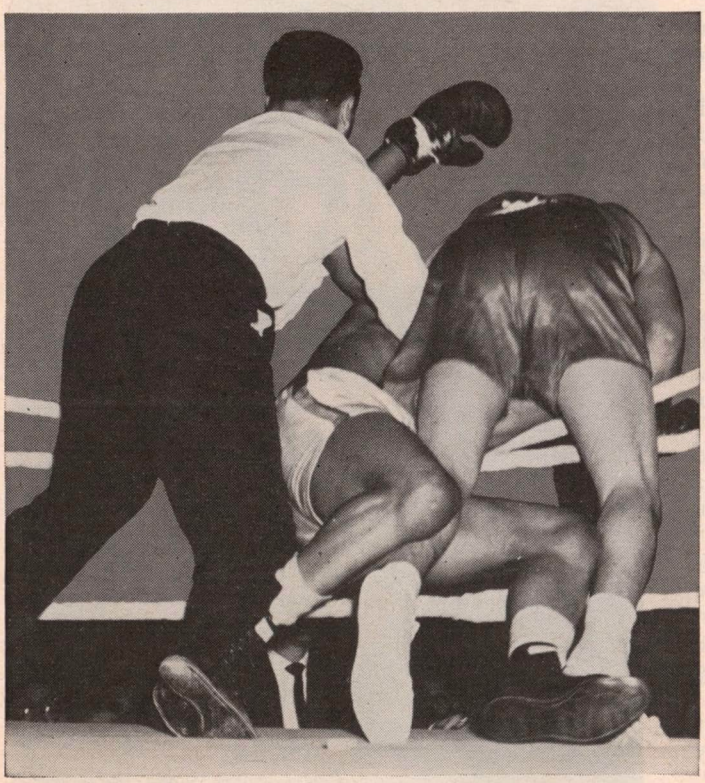
Featherweight (125)—Harry Smith, Sheppard Air Force Base, Tex., decisioned Willie Thomas, Lackland Air Force Base, Tex.

Lightweight (132)—Billy Cherry, Bolling, decisioned Ed Lee, Ashiya Air Base, Japan.

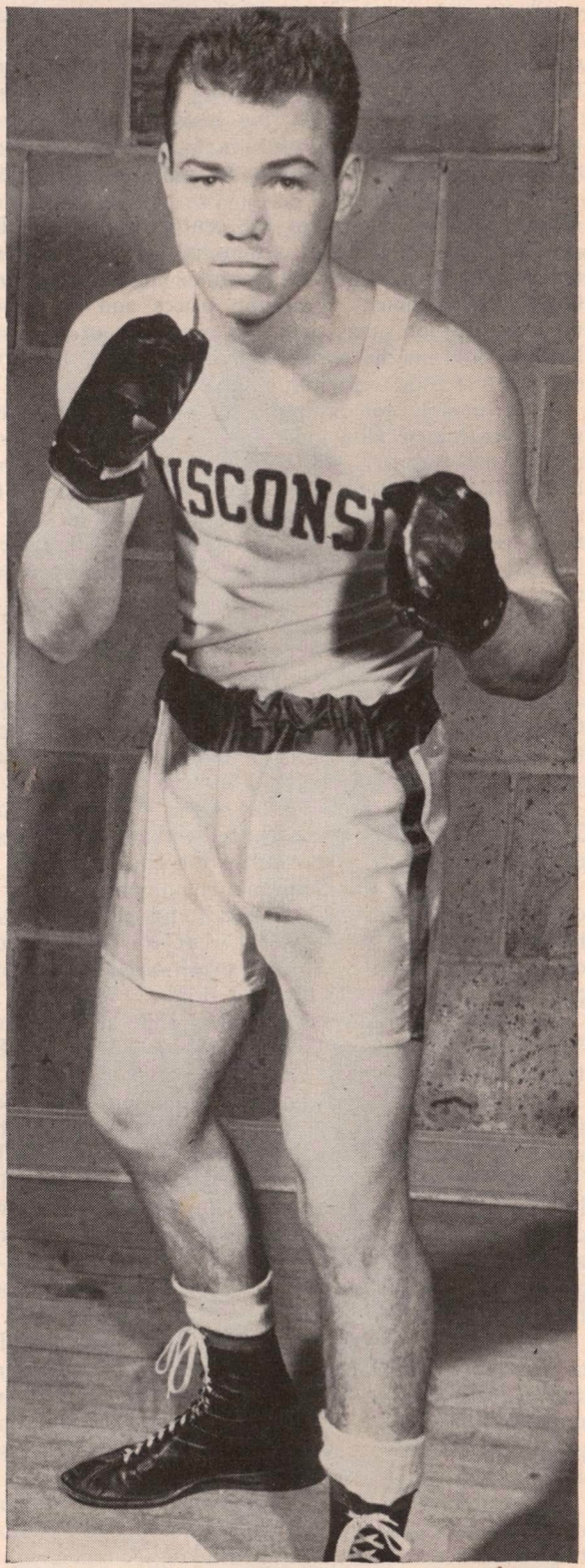
Light Welterweight (139)—Willie Morton, Johnson Air Base, Japan, won a split decision over Fred Jackson, Greenham-Common, England.

Welterweight (147)—Frank Davis, Brize-Norton Air Base England, decisioned Joe Bethea, Ashiya Air Base.

Light Middleweight (156)—Paul Wright, Bolling Air



Over the Side. Pvt. Benny Gainpietro, Co. E, 18th Infantry Regiment, of Los Angeles, Calif., and Clarence Stephens, Co. C, 1st Engineer Battalion, of Indianapolis, Ind., battle it out at Fort Riley, Kansas. Stephens was knocked out of the ring but not out of the fight as he came back to win in the next round.



Vince Ferguson, outstanding University of Wisconsin boxer and N. C. A. A. light-middleweight champion, is one of the best amateurs in the country. Pride of The Fighting 69th of New York, he is pointing for an Olympic title at Melbourne, Australia, later this year.

Force Base, Wash., decisioned Dave Smith, Larson Air Force Base, Wash.

Middleweight (165)—Harold Butler, Hahn Air Base, Germany, decisioned Larry Pratt, Misawa Air Base, Japan.

Light Heavyweight (178)—Johnny Horne, Bolling, decisioned Bill Johnson, Yokota Air Base, Japan.

Heavyweight—Joe Hemphill, Bitburg Air Base, Germany, won a split decision over Herman McNeil, Goodfellow Air Force Base, Tex.

THIS IS "THE BULL"

Fort Bragg, N. C.—If experience with some of the ring greats of all times mean anything, middleweight boxer Johnny McElrath could be a "somebody" in ring circles on this sprawling post.

McElrath, a member of the 235th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82d Airborne Division, has boxed with Willie Pep, one-time featherweight champion, and Tiberio Mitri, European middleweight champ, who met Jake LaMotta for the championship in 1950.

McElrath, nicknamed the "Bull" because of his aggressive style, has had plenty of experience on his own. He boxed all over Europe after first entering the service in 1948 and has won two All-Army middleweight championships.

The Bull is now working out with his regimental team preparatory to the all-post meet, and has an impressive record, 45 wins against 2 losses. More than half of those wins came through knockouts.

McElrath's first championship in 1948 came when he cooled his opponent in the opening seconds of the first round in a final bout. In 1950 Bull won a third round technical knockout for the title.

McElrath began his boxing career in Dayton, Ohio and has had such fine trainers help him along as Pete Genzyo, highly-rated European boxer, and the Rumanian veteran boxer and trainer George Negraska.

EAST WINS IN ALL-NAVY BOXING

The better-conditioned Eastern team won nine of 10 titles in the All-Navy Boxing Championships at the Newport Naval Station. A crowd of 6,000 witnessed the bouts and several thousand more were turned away.

The only member of the Western team to break the Eastern monopoly was Henry Brown of the USS Essex, who decisioned Humberto Salcido of Great Lakes in the 147-pound division.

Two defending champions lost their crowns. Glen Ivey of San Diego was dethroned in the 119-pound class by Andy Andrews of the Atlantic Fleet and Robert Epperson of the Far East Command was unseated in the 165-pound division by Frank Keating of the USS Krause. Keating, incidentally, was an alternate on the Eastern team and moved into the final bout when the Eastern titleholder, Pat Moynihan of Great Lakes, became ill. Keating is from Wallingford, Conn.

Trophies were presented to the champions and runners-up by Rear Admiral Ralph Earle Jr., commanding officer of the Newport Naval Base. The crowd and athletes were welcomed by Capt. L. W. Creighton, commanding officer of the Newport Training Station.

The winners and runners-up will remain at Newport to train for the U. S. Olympic trials.

The summary in the finals:

112—Jerry Johnson, Quonset, stopped Rudolfo Alvarado, San Diego, TKO in the third round.

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178—Phil Ness, Great Lakes, decisioned James Partee, Far East Command.

Heavyweight—Roy Louson, Atlantic Fleet, stopped Louis Jones, San Diego, TKO in third round.

LIFE OF RILEY FIGHTERS

Master Sergeant James (Moon) Mullins of Decatur, Ala., Company K, 18th Infrantry Regiment, has been named coach for the 1956 Kansas City team.

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Master Sgt. James (Moon) Mullins (left), Co. F, 18th Infantry Regiment, of Decatur, Ala., and Private First Class Chester L. Ballenger, Jr., Heavy Mortar Company, 16th Infantry Regiment, of Muscatine, Iowa, hold trophies won by the 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley boxing team.

TV & Boxing

By JOHNNY SALAK

At the recent Government anti-trust suit hearings, in which the International Boxing Club was charged with monopolizing championship TV bouts, officials of the I. B. C. called television "a monster" and stated that the Garden is banning some video programs.

Testimony presented revealed that the Chicago branch of the I. B. C. lost $325,000 last year and the Garden, which reported profits of $1,200,000 for 1947, dropped to a measly $311,000. This embraced all sports and other attractions last year including the circus and rodeo.

When one considers that the Wednesday and Friday night TV fight contracts contributed about $1,200,000 during the last fiscal year and this figure does not include the share of $252,000 from the Rocky Marciano-Archie Moore theatre TV receipts, the poverty of the East and West branches of the I. B. C. becomes more startling.

Gen. John Reed Kilpatrick, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Garden, said that his organization was dropping some TV programs because the telecasts paid less than the gate receipts. However, the General was quick to state that boxing would not be banned.

Arthur D. Wirtz, of Chicago, partner of I. B. C. headman Jim Norris, said that he informed Gen. Kilpatrick during 1948 that TV is here to stay and that "they must try to develop and get some revenue from this monster which is knocking us out of business."

In opening its case the Government charged that the I. B. C. enjoyed a monopoly in the telecasting of title bouts through its contracts with two television networks.

Phil Glassman of Philadelphia testified that he had been unable to sell the television rights to the Ike Williams-Freddie Dawson lightweight championship bout that he promoted in that city in December, 1949.

A. Craig Smith, vice president in charge of advertising for the Gillette Safety Razor Co., a defense witness, said that in 1949 his company had rejected an offer for TV-radio rights to the Williams-Dawson title fight. Smith also said that the telecasting of championship bouts represents only "an academic expenditure—a good will gesture," but admitted that championship bouts are very special events. The I. B. C. had contended that they (championship bouts) were somewhat routine events on the regular television schedule. The Government case stressed the importance of these fights, monopolized by the I. B. C.

Smith further stated that there was heavy competitive bidding for championship bouts between sponsors. He said Pabst, sponsors of the Wednesday night fights, had outbid Gillette for the Charles-Louis title fight in September of 1950 by paying $200,000, which was $50,000 more than his firm bid.

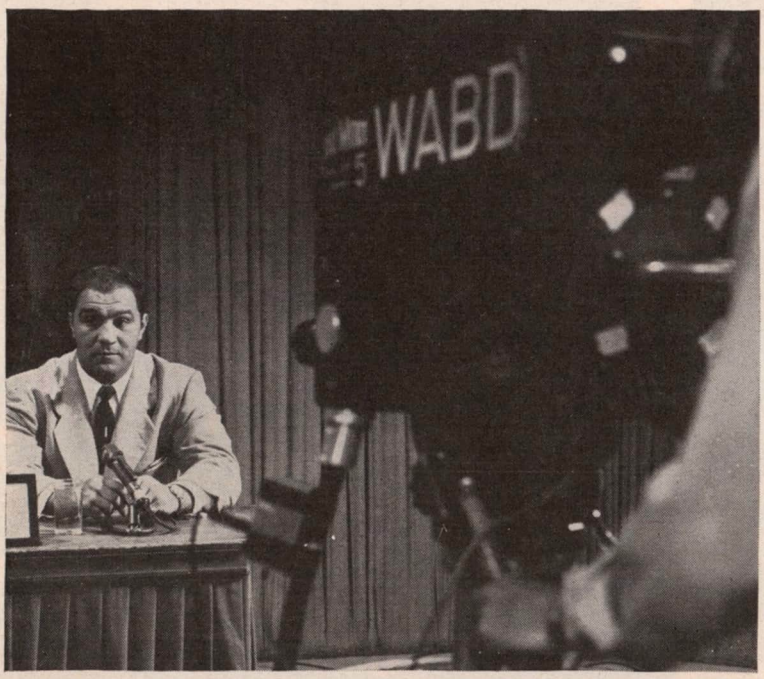
He also disclosed that his company considered the Marciano-Walcott title fight at Chicago in May of 1953 so important that it paid $300,000 for the rights to it. Walcott was kayoed in 2:25 of the first round.

Under further questioning, Smith stated that he had voiced objections to the I. B. C. in 1951 because he felt his company was not getting its share of the championship matches.

Testimony was also given that the Columbia Broadcasting System had been unable to obtain telecast rights to title fights until the Tournament of Champions was sold in 1949 to the I. B. C. The C. B. S. had been a partner in the Tournament of Champions.

Lawrence Lowman, vice president and general executive of C. B. S., said after the sale of the I. B. C.'s rival, his company had telecast fights every Wednesday night, until they were abandoned in 1954.

Also introduced as evidence was that of the I. B. C.'s receipts of $7,200,000 during 1943-53, 34 percent, or $2,400,000, represented the proceeds from the sale of television-radio-motion picture rights.



Rocky Marciano, retired undefeated world heavyweight champion, appearing on DuMont's weekly television program, Sports Night, emphatically denied rumors that recurrent headaches was one of main reasons for retiring.

ROCKY STILL NOT DUCKING

With three New York sports writers firing questions at him from all angles, Rocky Marciano, refusing to duck any of them, a carry over of his ring style, was interviewed on television on Wed-

nesday May 2 (WABD-DuMont) several days after giving up the world heavyweight title.

Gene Ward of the New York Daily News, Caswell Adams of the New York Journal American and Barney Nagler of the Morning Telegraph were the three who kept up a steady barrage of questions for a half hour during the weekly program Sports Night, which is produced by John Kieran, Jr. Tom Moore is the host for the regular sports press conference which brings prominent figures before the screen to answer questions and give their views on current topics.

Marciano was emphatic in his denial of widely circulated rumors that he suffered from recurrent headaches and that was one of the main reasons he quit the ring.

"That's absolutely not so," said Marciano. "I'm perfectly fine physically and mentally. I've suffered from no such thing."

Asked how he was fixed financially and tax-wise, Rocky replied "Everything is fine. I'm in good shape."

"I learned a lot from Joe Louis," said Rocky. "He was one of the big influences in my life. I read everything I could about him. I learned from his mistakes, too."

Later Marciano said he felt sorry for Louis' financial failure.

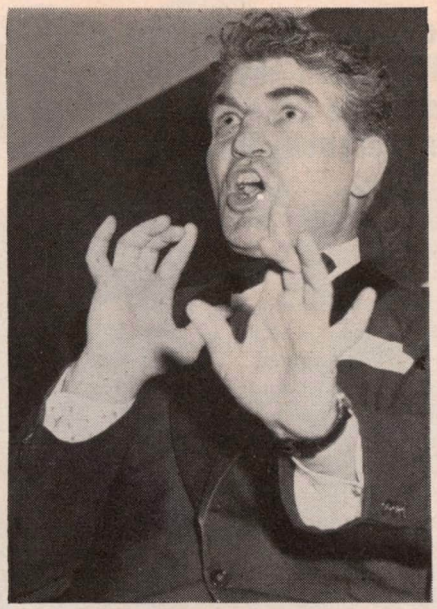
"As a fighter, Louis was the greatest," Rocky added.

Asked if he thought he had enough money put away to take care of his entire future, Rocky shrugged, and replied:

"I don't know. How much is enough?"

Rocky said he received many offers to go into business but said he was in no hurry to make any commitments.

"There's no pressure on me," he said. "I've got lots of time."



Former heavyweight contender Lou Nova, he of the cosmic punch and psychic stance, now turned actor, recently gave a recital in Carnegie Hall, New York, giving forth, with mighty gestures no less, "Dan McGrew" and "Casey At The Bat."

He said his manager, Al Weill, and his boyhood friend and co-trainer, Allie Colombo, would be connected with any ventures he went in to.

"They're my friends," said Marciano.

SUMMER IN THE GARDEN

In a surprise move, the International Boxing Club recently announced that they will promote nationally televised fight shows on Friday nights at Madison Square Garden right through the summer, with the exception of the two Fridays, August 17 and 24, when the Democratic and Republican conventions are scheduled.

In past years the I. B. C. has conducted summer fights for its Wednesday or Friday sponsors on a now-and-then basis. The Gillette Safety Razor Co., regular Friday night sponsor of the fights for Mike Jacobs, then the I. B. C., for ten years, will be the sponsor for the summer fights, too, with eleven weekly programs scheduled from July 6 through September.

IF THE SUIT FITS . . .

Former world heavyweight champion Primo Carnera has begun suit against Columbia Pictures for one and a half million dollars, charging invasion of privacy in the film "The Harder They Fall."

The Ambling Alp contends the picture has caused him to be subjected to scorn and ridicule, and that as a result of it he has lost the respect and admiration of many friends.

The suit said that although its makers claim the film's hero, Toro Moreno, does not depict Carnera, he is identifiable as such because of his build and weight. Moreno is characterized as a stupid person, unable to conduct business affairs, the suit alleged.

The suit also names as a defendant Budd Schulberg, who several years ago wrote the book on which the film is based.

CHANNEL HOPPING. . . . The Floyd Patterson-Tommy Jackson heavyweight elimination bout at Madison Square Garden on June 8 saw the radio-TV sponsor go for a special deal costing around $75,000, with no local blackout. . . . Patterson and Jackson each received $20,000 of the radio-TV revenue.

Television rights for the May 18 Ray Robinson-Bobo Olson world middleweight title bout, held at Gilmore Field, Los Angeles, went to the Wednesday night sponsors for $100,000, with the fight blacked out locally.

WEEKLY TV BOXING SCHEDULE

CLUB	CITY	STATION	ANNOUNCER
	MONDAY		
ST. NICHOLAS ARENA	NEW YORK	DUMONT TV NETWORK	CHRIS SCHENKEL
	WEDNESDAY		
*WEDNESDAY NIGHT FIGHTS	(EMANATING FROM VARIOUS CITIES)	ABC-TV NETWORK	JACK DREES
COLISEO	MEXICO CITY	XH-TV	JULIO SOTELO
	THURSDAY		
OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM	LOS ANGELES	KCOP-TV	GARRY GOODWIN
CAMBRIA A. C.	PHILADELPHIA	WPFH-TV	DEL PARKS
WINTERLAND ARENA	SAN FRANCISCO	KOVR-TV	WALT HARRIS
	FRIDAY		
‡CAVALCADE OF SPORTS	NEW YORK and OTHER CITIES	NBC-TV NETWORK	JIMMY POWERS
	SATURDAY		
LEGION STADIUM	HOLLYWOOD	KHJ-TV	BILL SYMES
COLISEO	MEXICO CITY	XEW-TV	PACO MALGESTO and ANTONIO ANDERE

‡ Also heard over the ABC Radio Network, Don Dunphy and Win Elliot, announcers.
* Also heard over the ABC Radio Network, Steve Ellis, announcer.

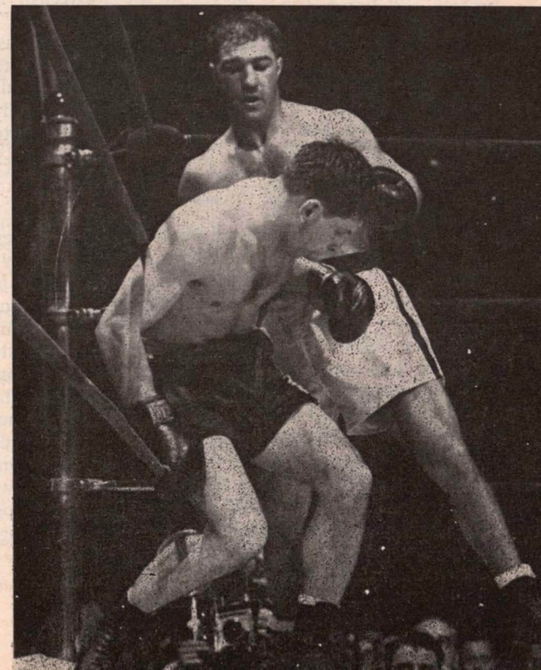
With the retirement of Rocky Marciano another chapter in heavyweight history is closed. An era in which Marciano gave to boxing dignity and decency. To the world of the underpriviledged he gave hope. He was the symbol of the Free World's way of life where everybody has a chance to become "The Champ."

The Unsinkable ROCK — 1947-1956

By NAT LOUBET

The Big One! Sept. 23, 1952. Rocky knocks out Jersey Joe Walcott in the thirteenth round to win the heavyweight championship of the world.

(Above) Marciano surrounded by hero worshippers in his home town of Brockton, Mass. At his right is his younger brother. (Below) The crossroad. The Rock met and defeated Roland LaStarza in their first bout in a split decision. Over the hump —he went on to win the crown seventeen fights later.



ROCKY MARCIANO, rugged son of a Brockton, Mass., shoemaker, had one thought in mind when he set out to be a professional boxer. He hungered after the championship, just as youngsters dream of becoming president, and with about the same story book belief in its coming true.

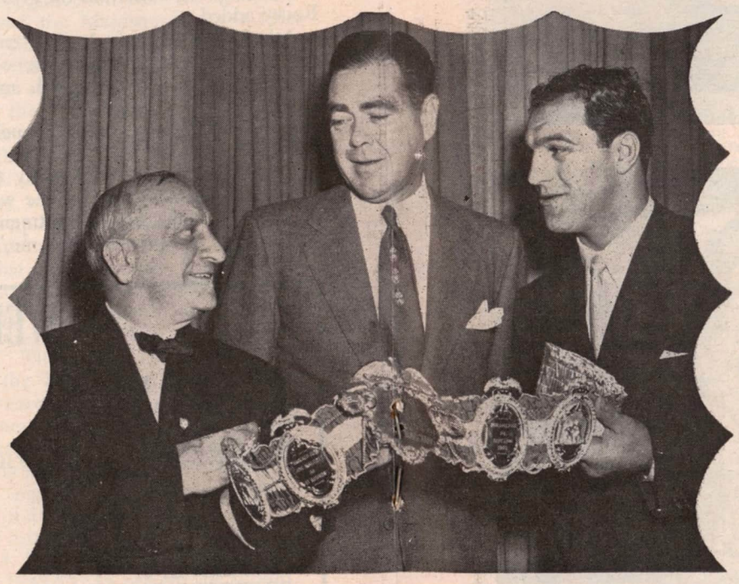
Rocky didn't start out to become a boxer and it wasn't until his army career that he laced on a glove. At high school he had been a star center on the football team and developed into an outstanding catcher in baseball. His first impulse was to make a life for himself in professional baseball and he had a fling at it with the Chicago Cubs.

He turned to fighting upon the urging of a close friend, Allie Colombo. His amateur career had been encouraging but not impressive as future champs go. At Ft. Lewis, Washington, he did a little boxing and then later did some mitt tossing in the Golden Gloves. But Colombo and another friend, Gene Caggiano, convinced Marciano there was money to be made in fighting. Between them they faced an enigma—a good fighter on their hands but no way to draw attention to him without aid from influential New Yorkers.

Eventually, Al Weill came into the picture. Rocky was introduced to Charley Goldman, the small man in the derby, who handled him in all of his championship fights and those immediately preceding.

Goldman's first impression was: *"He's hopeless as a boxer but he can hit like a mule. A guy who can sock like that could maybe get himself a title."* He introduced the "Rock" to Weill.

Al was then the matchmaker for Madison Square Garden and as such couldn't manage a fighter. But he found a way. He signed the boy from Brockton to a contract, naming his stepson, Marty, as the manager. When the time was ripe for him to come forth as a championship contender Weill severed his connections with the Garden and openly managed Rocky.



Nat Fleischer (left) presents Rocky with The Ring Magazine championship belt after the Brockton Blockbuster had knocked out Walcott for the title. Jim Norris, President of the International Boxing Club looks on at the presentation.

WEILL AND THOSE FISTS MADE POWERFUL COMBINATION

It was an excellent deal for both Rocky and Weill. Through clever manipulation on Al's part and the knockout punches in Rocky's fists, the Brockton Blockbuster was brought to the top of the contenders class and finally enabled to gain the crown itself.

The "Rock" started his professional career in 1947 but it wasn't until two years later shortly before Christmas that Rocky began to envision himself as a possible champion. At Providence, where Marciano had done most of his early fighting, he put out the lights for Phil Muscato in five rounds of what might be termed purely skull practice.

After the bout Colombo made it a point to implant with Rocky the idea that at last *"He was on the way to the top!"*

This incident occurred in his twenty-fourth fight and he had already knocked out twenty-two opponents. He was to go on knocking out opponents until he captured the title and on up to his retirement.

In forty-nine contests the ex-champ was undefeated and knocked out forty-three. Only in six bouts did his opponents last the limit. Don Mogard, Ted Lowry (twice), Red Applegate, Roland LaStarza (first meeting) and Ezzard Charles (first fight), were the ones.

Rocky will always be remembered as *"the puncher."* He started his career with a kayo and finished it the same way. In between there are interesting highlights that stand out along his path to success.

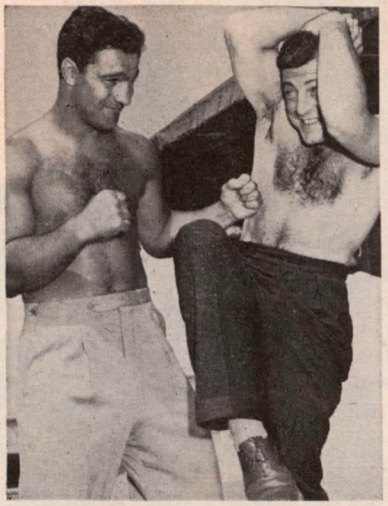
There was the first night New York fans saw him, when he iced Pat Richards in two heats, serving notice that he was on his way. Then there was that unforgetable evening when a hungry Rocky met an equally hungry Carmine Vingo.

The latter was being heralded as one of the best of the younger crop and he had lost only one in his seventeen bouts prior to meeting the Rock. Joe Lindsay had been the only man to defeat him and Joe at that time was a better than average heavy on the move up the ladder.

The fight took place in 1949 at Madison Square Garden and Marciano gave Carmine such a disastrous beating that, after being knocked out in the sixth round, he was taken to a hospital where he lingered between life and death for weeks.

Rocky had nothing but compassion for Carmine and spent days on end haunting the hospital corriders outside Vingo's room until he was out of danger.

Also on his way up there was the night he met Roland LaStarza, in their first encounter and he matched his sledgehammer fists against the slippery skill of one of the best boxers in the ring. It was a close, tough fight with Rocky



(Above left) Paul Winchell, world famous ventriloquist, a friend of Marciano's helped relax the champ during the training grind. (Above right) Rocky at Grossingers taking a break to teach the youngsters a thing or two about catching. He had a tryout with the Chicago Cubs and was being seriously considered until he threw out his arm. Rocky then turned to boxing. (Right) Charley Goldman, friend and trainer of The "Rock" throughout his professional career, lived but a step from the champ's side all through Rocky's periods of training.

gaining a split decision after ten bruising rounds. The bout was the crossroads in his career. Had he lost he would have convinced those who stated that he was a big, awkward stiff with a good punch—that the power of his hitting ability wasn't sufficient to get him anywhere.

Asked about the fight Marciano said: *"I thought I won but if a judge saw it differently then he probably was right."* A typical display of modesty by the man who never changed his outlook on the world by action, thought, or deed either in his climb to the championship or thereafter.

The big performance and best in-as-far as ring ability was concerned was the bout that Rocky himself always refers to as "his title bout." All bouts after he won the title were fights but that September 23rd evening in 1952 when he knocked out Jersey Joe Walcott in the thirteenth round will go down in every writer's mind as "The Big One."

In the first round he was dropped to the canvas but gamely regained his feet only to take a pasting from then until the thirteenth. Walcott was out in front on all the score cards. It looked as if sheer perserverance, physical conditioning and punching power weren't going to be enough to win for Marciano.

BEATING JERSEY JOE WAS NO MEAN PERFORMANCE

However, his courage nevered flickered and he doggedly moved after Walcott, receiving for his pains a lumpy face and a bloody one. But his persistence paid off when Jersey Joe misjudged the ring ropes in that fatal thirteenth session and didn't zig or zag when he should have and bounced back off the ropes into as short a right hand blockbuster as any writer has ever seen in a heavyweight championship contest. It traveled but a few inches and as Walcott started to fall Rocky tossed a left that was not needed. Marciano had won the crown the minute his right landed seconds before. Walcott crashed to the canvas, an ex-champion.

This was the biggest moment in Rocky's life. How did he take it? His face lit up with joy, and then, as he looked down on his fallen foe his happiness seemed to change to consternation. Maybe it was downright disbelief.

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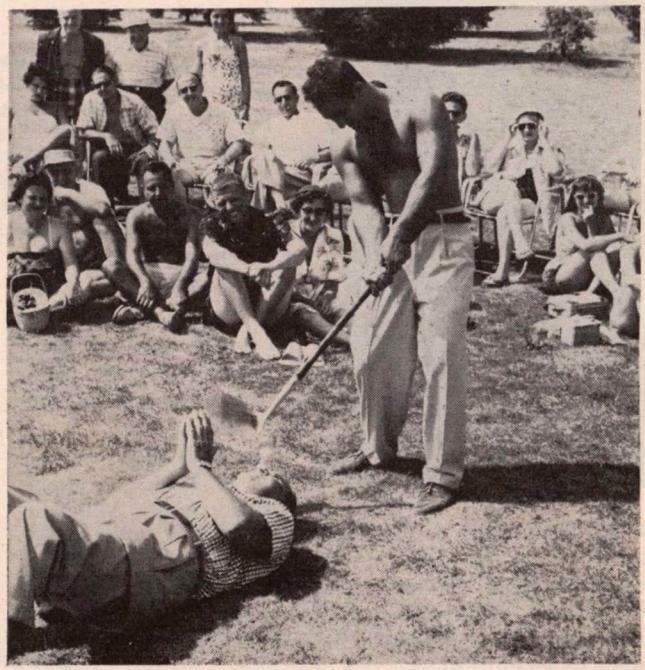

Who nose! Rocky intends to turn to golf now that his fighting days are over. Top pros say he may become one of the best. Serious by nature, Rocky nevertheless has a good sense of humor and enjoys a prank and a laugh at the right time.

NO LAUGHING MATTER

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date, with one draw marring an otherwise perfect score. Of his 27 victories, 10 have been by knockouts. He has defeated Cooper and Richardson.

Cooper, also a former amateur standout, has posted twelve wins in fourteen pro starts. His only other loss, besides the one to Erskine, was caused by a gashed eyebrow, but he wiped out that defeat in a return match. Eleven of his twelve victories have been by kayos.

Richardson, the youngest and least experienced of the trio, is little more than a crude novice at the moment, but he's a strong, rugged lad, improving rapidly in technique. His main asset is vicious-punching power, and all but three of his fourteen opponents so far have failed to survive his lusty socking.

Undaunted by a half-century of consistent failure, the British are confident their long years of heavyweight disappointment are due to end, and from out of their current crop of up-and-coming hopefuls will emerge a real contender for the world title. This heavyweight business is no laughing matter to the British, and they reckon it's about time it ceases being a laughing matter to the rest of the boxing world.

MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS
By Jack Waina

BOXING RETURNED TO THE CITY OF DETROIT, after a five month layoff and was greeted by a near capacity house at the Motor City Fighting Arena, with yours truly doing the matchmaking and Arthur Finks as promoter. The fine turn out surprised many and indicated that this town can be one of the best fight cities in the nation.

Michigan welterweight champion, Duke Harris, 147½, of Detroit, and Cap Teal's protege Brian Kelly, 149½, of Niagara Falls, Ontario, gave the fans a real display of toe to toe slugging, and they loved every minute of it. But a cut eye halted things after the fourth with Harris the winner.

A six round semi-final, found Chuck Taylor, 137, Detroit, making his first local start since turning pro last December and scoring a good victory over Terry (Baby Face) Book.

In a real slug-fest Ray Mizzi, 158, undefeated former amateur star, and Henry Bronko, 159, hammered away at each other for four relentless rounds before having their bout called a draw.

Two other fours found Don Jose, 145, Detroit, making his pro debut with an excellent split decision victory over Leon Watkins, 147, Flint, and Chet Wiley, 140, Detroit, and Napoleon Ludy, 136, Detroit, engaged in a pier sixer which found Wiley coming out on top in a close one.

▶A natural slug-fest took place at the Olympia Stadium, for promoter Nick Londes when ranking lightheavy contender Chuck Spieser, of Detroit, and Joe Rowan, of Philadelphia, tore into each other to the delight of a national television audience and over 7,000 paying fans at the Stadium.

Chuck proved in this battle that he could take a punch and come back strong. Rowan definitely stunned the former MSU athlete with a vicious right hand in the middle of the second round. But when Joe moved in Spieser caught him with a terrific right that turned the fight in his favor. It took plenty of starch out Rowan and caused his left eye to close. Commission doctor Joseph Cahalan refused to allow Rowan to answer the bell for the sixth round.

Joe Gray, 163, Detroit, ran his undefeated string to thirteen straight, when he outpunched Clarence Riley, 163¾, Detroit, in a six; Crowe Peele, 185, Baton Rouge, La., showed possibilities in halting Jimmy Davis, 183, Detroit, in four; Charley Smith, 143½, Detroit, punched too hard for veteran Chet Wiley, 142, Detroit, and the bout was halted in the third; Ben Wallace, 179, Detroit, stopped Allen Hedge, 174¾, Detroit; and Ted Wright, 149, Detroit, made it seven in a row as he halted a game but outclassed Enosh Ellison, 153, Detroit, who was making his second start, by KO in the second.

▶Lightweights Eli Leggett, of Detroit, and Doug Medley, of Louisville, engaged in a good free swinging affair in their eight round feature bout at the Motor City Arena. First one then the other would take the lead, but Leggett finished the strong of the two to gather the duke. Leggett weighed 136½, and Medley, 136¾.

Another six, had Ted Ordanik's Art Glass, 157½, Dayton, best game Bill "Reb" London, 156, Detroit, in a real pleaser. Glass, four times Ohio AAU champion, showed great class and could be one of the top boxers of his division in a couple of years.

A couple of fours had Cincinnati Golden Glove champion Henry Bowman, 164¾, turning pro with a good knockout over Larry Risby, 159½, Flint, in the fourth of a free swinging affair, and former all Army champion, James Rimson, 157, Detroit, also making his pro debut, halted Willie Hytower, 162½, Detroit, with a terrific right hand in the first round. Rimson also went to the finals in the Olympic trials.

▶No doubt about it that Ezzard Charles, the former heavyweight champion from Cincinnati, has slipped considerably but the Ole Timer still had enough to subdue his opponent Don Jasper, of Duluth, Minn., at the Windsor Arena, before 3,275 fans who paid a gross of $6,300 and a net of $5,700. But when the bout was finally stopped in the ninth round by referee Johnny Weber it was Jasper who received praise from everyone and not Charles who had won by TKO.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
By Max Yeargain

FLOYD PATTERSON, 183, BROOKLYN, N. Y., RANKING HEAVYWEIGHT contender for the now vacant heavyweight crown, displayed atomic punching power before a capacity crowd of 4,000 fans that jammed Memorial Hall, Kansas City, Kansas, knocking out Chief Alvin Williams, 177, Oklahoma City, with a vicious left hook to the body in the third round of the scheduled ten round feature attraction.

It was the third meeting between Patterson and Williams. They met in New York in 1954, Patterson winning a decision. A year later they met at Moncton, Canada, Patterson winning via a technical knockout in eight rounds.

In the semi windup, Bobby Bickle, 135, knocked out Marvin Smith, 135, Wichita, in the fifth round of a scheduled eight.

LeRoy Green, 163, Kansas City, decisioned Eddie Simms, 164, Chicago, in the six round special event. Terry Lloyd, 141, Kansas City, chalked up his third straight win since turning pro, decisioning Irish Jimmy Britt, 145, Oklahoma City, in four rounds. Ray Augustus, 178, Topeka, decisioned Ward Jones, 193, Lawrence, in four. Lou Cappelano, 132, Omaha, beat Nick Haywood, 130, Kansas City, in the four round opener.

CLEVELAND NEWS
by Harold Walsh

GENE FULLMER, THE RUGGED WEST JORDAN, UTAH MIDDLEWEIGHT, won all the way over Ralph (Tiger) Jones in a hard fought ten round bout in Cleveland's Public Hall, the night of the opening ball game, before 2,574 cash customers, April 20.

It was a bruising bout with the westerner in command, winning the unanimous decision of referee Lou Parker and the judges John Sherman and Charles Bill.

In the semi-final Jackie King of Cleveland, won a close decision over Joe Leudanski of Chicago. Tommy Salem of Cleveland defeated Georgie Collins of Chicago in six rounds. Solomon Boysaw stopped Charlie Smith in three rounds while Charlie McCreary defeated Abe Linnier in four rounds.

TEXAS BOXING NEWS
by Harlan Haas

HOUSTON, TEXAS BOXING ENTERPRISES:—The much talked about Paul Jorgensen-Davey Walden bout was finally unreeled at the spacious Sam Houston Coliseum. Walden came into Texas unheralded some six months ago, and promptly ran off five consecutive victories, three by one round knockouts. His inevitable battle with Jorgy ended his victory string. The fast moving, clever boxing Texas featherweight champ, won a unanimous ten round decision. Walden was aggressive, but you just don't hit an extremely clever fellow like Jorgensen with looping punches. Paul scaled 127, Walden, 131.

Rocky Randell, 140, Rome, Ga., hit Arnulfo "Chato" Hernandez, 140, Durango, Mexico, with every punch in the book, and the Durango Bulldog was in a fog against the ropes when the referee stopped the bout in the fifth round of a ten rounder. Another ten brought together Randy Sandy, 155, New York, and Alfonso Flores, 153, Torreon, Mexico. Sandy landed a tremendous right hand to the midsection, and the south of the Border scrapper dropped to the deck where he was counted out in the third round. Alex Vargas, 142, Galveston, hammered out a close six round decision over capable Tommy Elder, 140, Cleveland, Ohio. Vargas is making rapid strides forward, and is ready for top ten round fights.

▶Houston, Texas Boxing Enterprises:—Isaac Logart, the Camaguey, Cuba welter, showed in Houston for the first time against Mexico City's El Conscripto (Tomas Lopez), and walked off with a ten round decision. The Mexican proved an extremely capable opponent, and it was an action packed fight all the way. Conscripto was dropped in the seventh round for nine by a right hand to the stomach. Logart weighed in at 147, Conscripto, 140.

Rocky Randell, 140, Rome, Ga., made another local appearance and this time he kayoed Texas lightweight champ Ray Riojas in the eighth round. It was one of the greatest fights seen in a local arena in some time. Riojas fought like a wildman, and was dangerous every second. Randell, himself, was on the verge of being kayoed on several occasions during the riotous affair that saw both rocking and reeling. Randell caught the aggressive Texas Mexican coming in midway of the eighth, and he fired a short but powerful right hand which landed flush on the jaw with a sickening thud, and it was all over but the counting.

Tommy Elder, 140, Cleveland, stopped a game Richard Garnica, 143, Dallas, in the fifth round. Henry Luera, 130, Houston, kayoed Rudy Gonzales, 129, Dallas, in the third round. Mickey Brown, 155, Houston, made his pro debut by outfighting George "Sugar" King (Boyd Rogers), 159, Pocatello, Idaho, an experienced fighter.

▶Houston, Texas Boxing Enterprises:—Houston had its first nationally televised fight on May 2, and the gate was in excess of $11,000. Joe Brown, the great lightweight from New Orleans, easily outpointed Wallace "Bud" Smith in a ten rounder. Smith's title was, of course, not at stake in this over the weight bout. The champ was able to garner two rounds at the most on any official's card. The fast moving and sharp punching Joe Brown was simply too much on this particular night for Bud. Brown weighed 137, and Smith a heavy 143.

▶AROUND THE FIGHT CIRCLE . . . A couple of young fighters to watch—Robert E. Lee and Mickey Brown—both high school seniors, and destined to go places. . . . One of the roughest toughest scrappers around town is Aldo Mente, the young Italian from Niagara Falls, New York. This kid has been sensational in his four Texas starts. He has kayoed Solis Scott and Raul Reyna, and won ten rounders from Red Top Davis and Jesse Bogart. . . . The person who wrote to Paul Jorgensen in care of me from Israel failed to enclose an address. Paul says he will be more than happy to mail you a photo if you will send the address. . . . Drop the writer a line at 4903 Laurel, Bellaire, Texas.

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On TV—See the Wednesday Night Fights

Seen and Heard in new york

By JERSEY JONES

WELL, there's one thing, at least, to be said for any elimination series to determine a successor to the retired Rocky Marciano.

It shouldn't take long to settle matters.

At most, there aren't a half-dozen assorted heavyweights worth considering as entries—and not one of them is likely to cause any violent outbreaks of hysteria by the populace. It's not a very encouraging outlook.

Not only is the current heavyweight field sadly lacking in both quality and quantity, but there isn't even a slight trace of the international "touch" to help enliven the drab scene.

The last time a heavyweight champion tossed the title out into the open competitive market—that was when Gene Tunney retired in 1928—the ensuing scramble was really something to behold. Hopeful aspirants from all over the world joined in the lively doings.

They may not all have been great fighters, but there was plenty of 'em, and regardless of their fistic merits or demerits, they all contributed something to the general excitement. It was nearly two years before a champion emerged, and the heavyweight division has never known more enterprise than it produced in those two years.

Heading the American entries were Jack Sharkey, W. L. (Young) Stribling, Johnny Risko, George Godfrey, K. O. Christner and Tommy Loughran. They didn't have things to themselves. The market was practically flooded by invaders from other climes. Without attempting to list them all, we recall Tom Heeney of New Zealand, Paulino Uzcudun of Spain, Otto von Porat of Norway, Knute Hansen of Denmark, Phil Scott of England, Ricardo Bertazollo of Italy, Pierre Charles of Belgium, George Cook of Australia, Vittorio Campolo of the Argentine and Max Schmeling of Germany.

It was Schmeling who survived the lively doings to become ultimate winner and new champion.

This time there isn't one foreign heavyweight worth serious thought. The present European crop is a sorry conglomeration of mediocrity. At this writing, the only possibility over yonder is young Ingemar Johansson of Sweden, but he's still in the process of development and at least a year away from a world title bid. There's nothing of consequence shaping up anywhere else—in Australia, South America or any of the other once-productive fistic centers.

So this proposed world elimination tourney will be an exclusive all-American affair—and, frankly, not a very imposing one.

Could it be that the once prolific heavyweight division is becoming a Vanishing Race?

THAT YANGER-ATTELL AFFAIR.

We were gabbing of this and that with Abe Attell when the chatter got around to Benny Yanger who, at 74, was counted out recently in his adopted home town, Chicago. (Of Italian parentage, square name Antone, Benny was born in New York but raised in the Windy City.)

Attell and Yanger had met in St. Louis in 1902, and the record books credit Benny with having won in nineteen rounds.

"How come?" we asked Abe. "Was it a knockout or disqualification or what?"

"Nothing like it," he said. 'I was only a kid at the time, about 18 or 19, and my manager, Jack McKenna, was claiming the featherweight title for me. Yanger and I were booked for a 15-rounder to a decision. Benny's manager insisted on bringing along his own referee, George Siler. McKenna had so much confidence in me, he didn't argue the point.

"At the end of the fifteenth, I was sure I had won, but Siler said he couldn't decide on a winner and ordered the bout to go five rounds more.

"In the nineteenth, the police stopped the fight. Yanger's face was all busted up, and we were both smeared with his blood. I thought that was why the cops called a halt, but instead of giving me the decision, Siler raised Yanger's hand.

"Yanger was a good fighter; tough and durable and a dangerous puncher. He knocked out guys like Harry Forbes and Young Corbett, and beat George Dixon, Kid Broad, Joe Bernstein and other good ones. A year or so after I fought him, I saw him in two great fights with Eddie Hanlon in San Francisco. The first was called a draw and Hanlon got a close decision in the second. Yanger began to fade after Aurelio Herrera knocked him out in Butte in 1904, but it wasn't until five or six years later that he finally quit the ring.

"By the way," Attell added, "that first manager of Yanger's, John Hertz, did all right for himself. He married a department store heiress, went into the taxicab business, and ended up as a multi-millionaire owner of a prominent horse racing stable and a nation-wide U-Drive-It automobile rental service."

RED TOP NEEDED A MANAGER.

Whatever may be said against fight managers, it must be conceded that, at times, they do serve a useful purpose. Fighters need them.

There have been notable exceptions, of course, but the long history of boxing reveals that ringsters usually make a mess of things when they try to handle their own affairs.

Consider, for instance, the recent episode reported from Zanesville, Ohio, where Teddy (Red Top) Davis, a ranking contender for the world featherweight title, made a match for himself. It was definitely a mistake. Red Top ended up losing an unofficial three-round bout to an opponent completely unknown to the boxing profession. To make matters worse, Davis not only wasn't paid for getting banged around, but had to visit a hospital for repairs on his bruised conk.

The opponent was a Rudolph Bishop, manager of a local tavern. The rivals were fairly evenly matched. Davis

enjoyed a big advantage in fistic experience, but Bishop partially offset that with slight edges in youth and weight. At 29 he was three years younger than Davis and at 129 was one pound heavier.

It may have been that Red Top was handicapped by fighting amid unfamiliar conditions. There were no gloves, no ring, no referee, no timekeeper, not even a box-office. Davis had long since renounced amateur competition and fighting for free can have a most upsetting effect on the enthusiasm of a veteran professional journeyman.

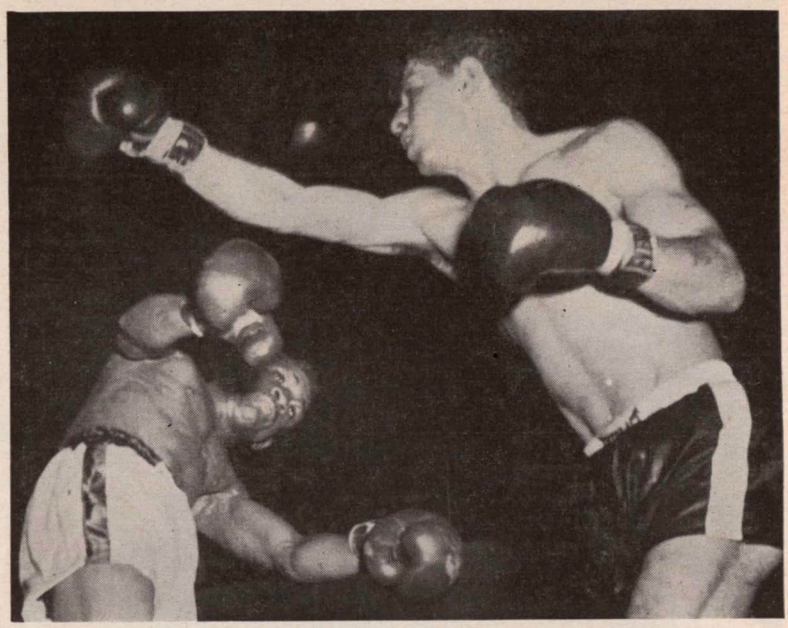
The brief bout, as reported by the local police, went something like this:

Round 1. Davis walked into Bishop's tavern and dropped a knife on the floor. When he refused to pick it up, Bishop heaved him bodily out of the joint. Bishop's round.

Round 2. Bishop left the cafe to see about replacing a window pane broken in the scuffle. When he returned, Davis was waiting with a .22-calibre rifle. Bishop yanked it out of his hand. Bishop's round.

Round 3. Bishop left the tavern with the rifle. Davis followed and tried to take it back. Bishop hit him over the head with the rifle and Red Top went down for the count. Bishop's round and fight.

When last heard from, a rueful Davis had resolved to confine his future pugnacious outbursts to regularly scheduled bouts (for pay) arranged by Manager Bobby Gleason.



This miss was as good as the proverbial mile, but Johnny Busso (right) did more hitting than missing in pounding out an upset victory over veteran Orlando Zulueta at the St. Nicholas Arena.

AROUND THE RING.

One of the most competent administrators of boxing today, George Barton has just been reappointed chairman of the Minnesota State Athletic Commission for his sixth consecutive three-year term. By now George must be thinking the job is permanent.

Writing of Gopher State activities, it occurs to us that the Flanagans of St. Paul must be the busiest pair of brothers now operating. In a decade of professional campaigning, lightweight Glen has packed in 106 bouts to date while middleweight Del has totalled 92.

From his brother Allen, we hear that Dan (Doc) Avery, active in boxing for forty years, and a former New England correspondent for The Ring, is recuperating from a heart attack. Writes Allen: "It will be months before Doc is able to get around, and while he is home he would like to hear from friends and associates who may not be aware of his illness. It is difficult for a man of 62, who has always been active in business and sports, to lay down on his back, and a few cards and letters from his old crowd would cheer him up." Doc's address is 194 South Main Street, Sharon, Mass.

Out of the ring since, Vince Martinez stopped him in five rounds at St. Nick's late in 1953, Vinnie D'Andrea, East Side middleweight, is planning a return, with Milton Langerman handling the managerial reins.

Another obituary creeping into the news recently reported the passing of Tommy Tuohey, 61, in his native Paterson, N. J. The Silk City red-head, who fought as featherweight and lightweight around the World War I era, never scaled the championship heights, but he was an exciting "club fighter" and popular attraction along the Atlantic seaboard. A strenuous career burned him out early. Tommy fought too often against tough opposition. He was in with Willie Jackson a half-dozen times and Johnny Dundee on four or five occasions. Lew Tendler, Joe Welling, Billy DeFoe, Frankie (Young) Britt, Benny Valger, Eddie Wallace, Ralph Brady and Joe Benjamin were only some of the many good 'uns he met. Tommy was only 25, but definitely finished as a fighter when he met Mel Coogan in Paterson's Lyceum Theatre in 1920. His pathetic showing that night convinced him it was time to quit. Until his fatal heart attack, Tuohey had been employed as a machinist by the Erie Railroad.

THE month's results:

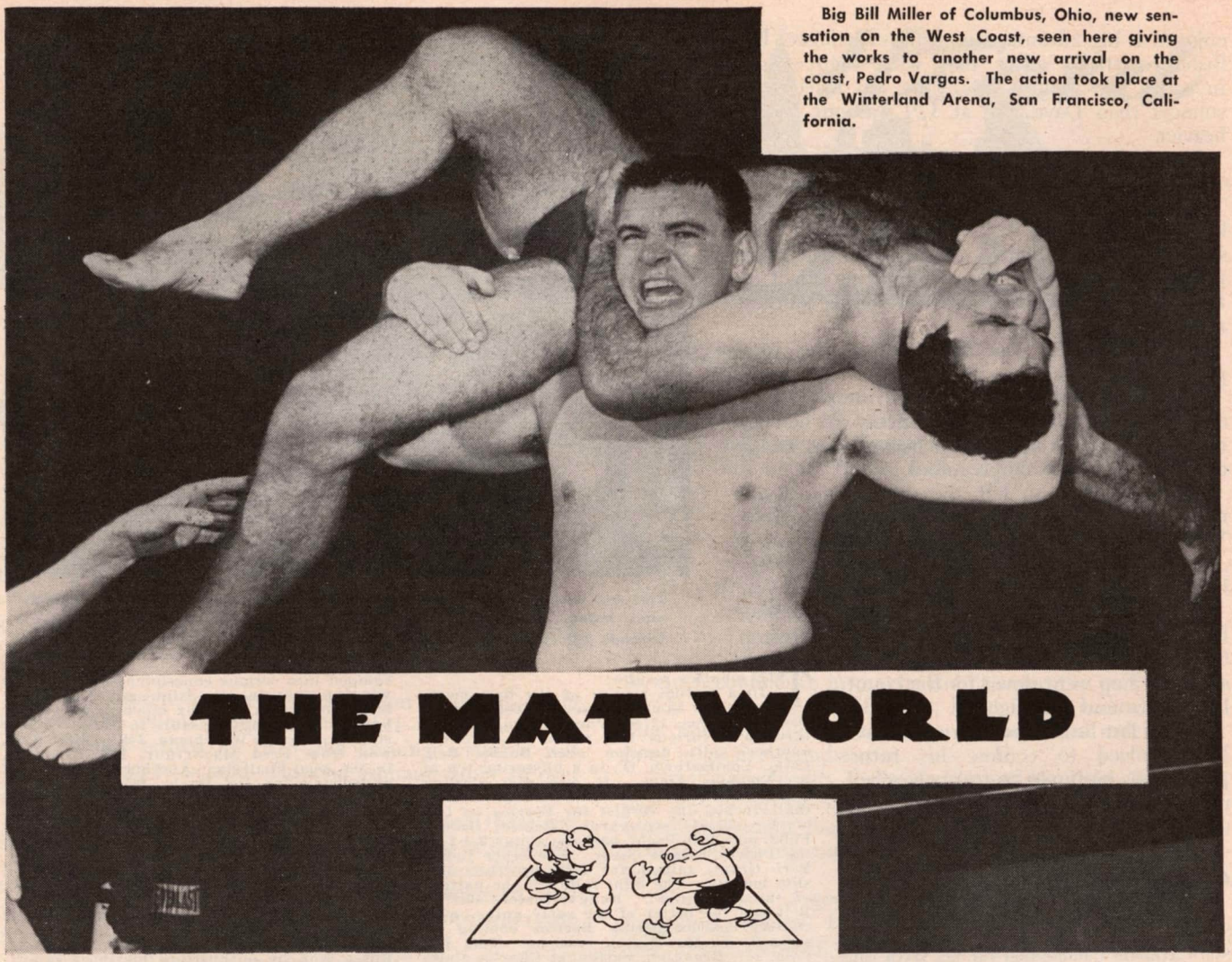
In a virtual replica of the first meeting in the same ring seven weeks before, Miguel Berrios, 127½, Puerto Rico, stormed through a furious last round to edge out another split decision over Bobby Bell, 125½, Youngstown, O., in a blistering ten at St. Nicholas Arena. It was that sizzling finale, in which he had Bell in real trouble, that cinched the verdict for Berrios on two of the officials' scorecards. Referee Barney Felix and Bill Recht had the count 5-4-1 in the Puerto Rican's favor. The other judge, Bert Grant, tallied for Bell by the same slim margin. The fight followed the pattern of the first brawl. Rangy, faster, shiftier Bell had the better of the early going, with chunky, harder-hitting Berrios coming on strongly in the closing sessions. Tom DeCola, 141, Brooklyn, outfought Charley Cummings, 138, Philadelphia, in the semi-final six. In another six, an all-Brooklyn affair, Ray Dittrich, 173½, won from Tommy Danetti, 174½. In a pair of fours, Al Milone, 147¾, Coney Island, had the better of Art Lusby, 148½, Paterson, N. J., and Jay Roach, 139, Long Island City, was a winner over Peter Galente, 135½, W. Babylon, L. I.

▶ Spotting his opponent height and reach as well as weight, Frank Ippolito, 142, Bronx, slugged his way to a clean-cut decision over Itzy Wallach, 147½, East Side, in a lively eight topping the first card at Sunnyside Garden in a month. Aggressor all the way, Ippolito was too strong and durable for his lanky opponent. In a co-featured eight, Irish Mickey McGrath, 165, Greenwich, Conn., seemed lucky to get the verdict over Sid Barry, 163, Paterson, N. J. It was a give-and-take slugfest all the way, and many of the spectators felt Barry deserving of at least a draw. Up-and-coming Tony DiBiase, 149½, Long Island City, tossed a decisive lacing into Bernie Lynn, 148, Jamaica, in a busy six. The bout stretched DiBiase's winning skein to ten straight. The youngster dropped a decision in his first pro start last September, and has been unbeaten since then. In fours, Joey Donovan, 129½, Long Island City, outpointed Mike Perez, 129½, Brooklyn, and Julius Rhodes, 133½, Philadelphia, decisioned Louis Otaro, 133½, Bronx. The turnout was a disappointment. The attendance for the non-TV show didn't look more than 700.

▶ Aggressiveness and a better left hand combined to net Tony (Tex) Gonzales, 156, East Orange, N. J., a close but deserved decision over Gene Poirier, 151½, Niagara Falls, N. Y., in a lively give-and-take ten at St. Nicholas Arena. It was Gonzalez's first appearance on major TV, and the young man made most of the opportunity. He forced the action most of the way and his snappy jab had Poirier's nose bleeding by the third round. Both boys scored effectively with fast combinations, but the only noticeable damage inflicted was not from punches. A collision of heads late in the sixth ripped gashes alongside Gonzalez's left eye and on Poirier's scalp, but clever corner work between rounds checked what could have developed into serious consequences. Gonzalez's winning margin was slim going into the last two rounds but Tex cinched the verdict by a strong body assault in those closing stanzas. Henry Winchman, 148½, East Side, won from Fred MacArthur, 148, Brooklyn, in the semi-final six. Another six produced a decision for Joe Davis, 147½, Brooklyn, over Fred Webb, 150¾, Jamaica. In fours, Nat Como, 160, East Side, trumped Ace Freeman, 160½, Brooklyn, and George Thompson, 159½, East Side, drew with Joe Frye, 160, Jamaica.

▶ A strong rally in the last round sneaked out a split, upset decision for Johnny Busso, 138½, East Side, over the veteran Orlando Zulueta, 139½, Cuba, in a scrambling ten at St. Nicholas Arena. Although bothered by cuts ripped over both eyes in the second, Busso won by outhustling his more experienced opponent and scoring heavily with looping rights to the head. Zulueta's showing was a disappointment. In his first start here since returning from Europe, the Cuban boxed listlessly, fought mainly in flurries, and couldn't seem to get away from Busso's rights. At that, Zulueta managed to keep things fairly close until the last round, when Busso made certain of the decision by swarming all over the Cuban and connecting effectively with both hands. The semi-final, scheduled for six, ended at 2:14 of the fifth with Joe Baglio, 155¼, Brooklyn, stopping Gene Hamilton, 156½, Bronx. In fours, Iggy Maldonado, 137½, East Side, whipped Sapo Ortega, 140, Mexico; Primo Areliano, 123½, Brooklyn, decisioned Ramos Soto, 121¼, Puerto Rico; Jerry Holman, 160½, Brooklyn, stopped Jack Leddy, 174, East Hampton, L. I., at 0:52 of the second, and Obediah Rhodes, 179, Hampton, Va., kayoed George Washington, 211½, Brooklyn, at 2:08 of the fourth.

▶ Despite three tuneup bouts in the hinterlands, Joey Giardello, 159½, Philadelphia, looked slow and sluggish in losing an upset decision to Charley Cotton, 154½, Toledo, O., in a not-too-exciting ten at St. Nicholas Arena. Only in occasional flashes did Giardello resemble the fighter who rated as No. 1 contender for the world middleweight title two years before. For the most part he fought listlessly, but, at that, he was slightly in front at the end of the seventh round. He seemed to tire in the closing sessions and Cotton, with a strong finish, edged his way through to the decision. Although he had been fighting since 1948 and was rated as a good journeyman mechanic, Cotton was showing in New York, and on major TV, for the first time. The rangy Ohioan proved to be a fair boxer with a snappy left jab and a jolting right counter. In the semi-final six, Burke Emery, 166, Ayerscliffe, Quebec, outslugged Jimmy Garcia, 166, Puerto Rico. Both boys were down for counts during the brawl. In fours, Al Milone, 150, Brooklyn, decisioned Jimmy Landron, 149½, Puerto Rico; Sol Reo, 157, Bayonne, N. J., won from Ace Freeman, 161, Brooklyn, and Rocky Caballero, 150½, Austin, Tex., stopped Carl Thompson, 142½, Philadelphia, at 1:52 of the second.



Big Bill Miller of Columbus, Ohio, new sensation on the West Coast, seen here giving the works to another new arrival on the coast, Pedro Vargas. The action took place at the Winterland Arena, San Francisco, California.

THE MAT WORLD

By NAT LOUBET

ON AND AROUND THE MAT:

SANDOR SZABO, ex-world champion showing well in southern California rings. . . . Enrique Torres, who for the past two years has reigned as Pacific Coast Heavyweight Champion, dropped challenger The Great Togo in Fresno's Memorial Auditorium. On the same card, Leo Nomellini defeated Sandor Kovacs; Yukon Eric Holmbach defeated Jesus Ortega, and Vic Christy defeated New York glamourboy Steve Stanlee. . . . Young Nickie Bockwinkle is a good prospect for heavyweight laurels. Nickie is the son of veteran Warren Bockwinkle, St. Louis' pride. . . . Wilbur Snyder defeated Hans Hermann at Milwaukee's Auditorium in a recent contest. The main event was a tag team battle with the Lisowski brothers defeating Argentina Rocca and Verne Gagne. John Heim promoted the matches. Fred Kohler was matchmaker. . . . Bobby Ford, "The Ohio Thunderbolt", looking better than ever. Bobby has great possibilities. . . . Veteran star Juan Humberto now wrestling in San Francisco bay area arenas. Humberto has been around for a number of years and can always be depended upon for a rough, exciting contest.

Donna Marie Dieckman, 21 year old Chatham, Ohio, star.

GAGNE DEFEATS SCHMIDT

A "DONNYBROOK" was staged at Hagerstown, Ind., when Verne Gagne, the former University of Minnesota and Green Bay Packer gridiron star, trounced Hans Schmidt before an estimated 2500 fans in the high school gymnasium there.

Schmidt, known in cauliflower circles as the "Teuton Terror," won first fall honors in 12:16 with a backbreaker with Gagne returning to take the second stanza in 3:14 with a series of dropkicks and a body press.

Gagne, America's TV champion, at 220 pounds won the third and deciding fall when the German was disqualified for using foul tactics. (This doesn't sound like our boy Hans.) The latter weighed in at 240.

In the second half of the double main event, Lorraine Johnson, 140, won the first fall from Blonde Shirley Strimple, billed as "Wrestling's Mrs. America," but the latter returned to win the second and third falls and the match. Johnson scored in 15:13 while Strimple recorded her falls in 10:16 and 12:38.

A 30 minute stalemate between Bobby Burns and Gene (Mr. America) Stanlee opened the card.

The show was sponsored by the Hagerstown Jaycees and was promoted by Mat

Mercurie. According to Arch Hindman, executive chairman of the Indiana State Athletic Commission, Hans Schmidt has appeared in seven of the ten biggest attractions held in the state during the past year.

BILLY VARGA

BILLY VARGA is one of the few exceptions in the sports field to follow his father's footsteps successfully. The father, Joe Varga spent thirty years in the professional wrestling ring and had an enviable record.

One of his feats never to be duplicated by any other wrestler was the winning of three amateur championships in one night in Trieste, Italy in 1913. The titles were, the world's lightweight, middleweight, and heavyweight championships.

"Believe It or Not" by Bob Ripley carried this in his column of March 29, 1946.

Billy's dad taught him how to wrestle right from the cradle.

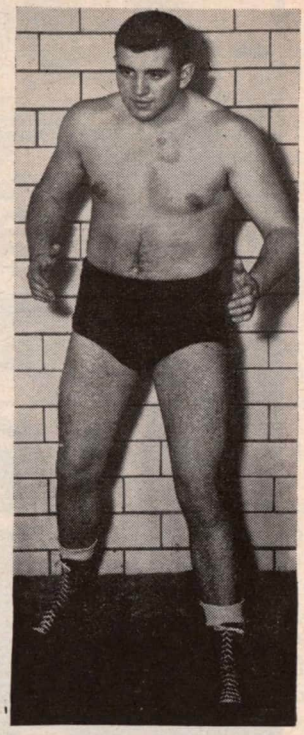
Varga went to the Hollywood High School where he excelled in football and handball. He matriculated to the University of Southern California. But the lure of the mat and it's lucrative offerings decided Billy to quit college and turn profesisonal.

Varga's amateur wrestling took place at the Los Angeles YMCA and the Hollywood Athletic Club. At the age of nineteen he won his first professional world title, the light-heavyweight championship by defeating Wild Red Berry at the Hollywood Legion Stadium which was a singular honor for Billy as it was the youngest age that the title had ever been held. Nine months later he, dropped the belt to Gorilla Ramos. Billy then went into strict training and regained the title by defeating Billy Raburn. At that time Billy was in the U. S. Navy having joined a few months before. He found it too difficult to keep up with his navy duties and hold the title at the same time. Spending eight solid hours instructing recruits in the niceties of judo, didn't leave much time for training for championship defenses. Two months before he was shipped overseas he dropped the belt.

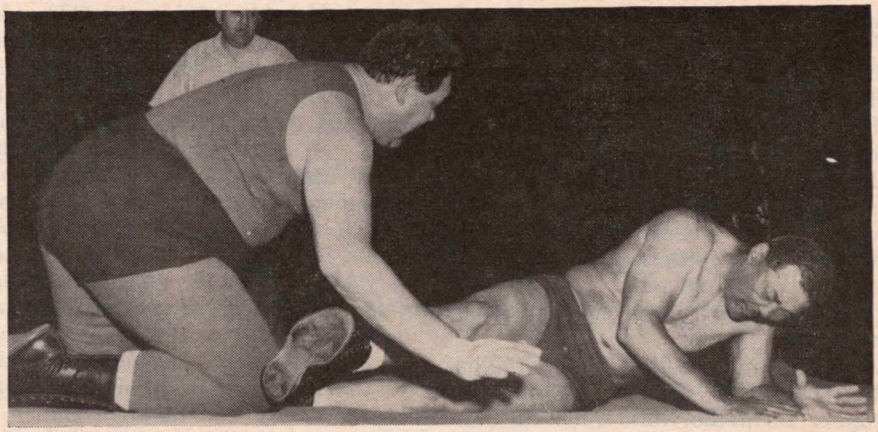
In the navy, Varga served in three campaigns, the Marshall Islands, Mariannas, and the Philippines. His ship the USS Argonne H.G.-31, was the prize crew which boarded the Japanese battleship Nagato which was later sunk in the atomic tests at Bikini.

After leaving the service he took up his wrestling career by making a tour of Canada.

On returning to Hollywood he entered an international tournament at the Hollywood Legion Stadium and ended up defeating Danny McShane for the world Junior-heavyweight title, then dropping it to Martino Angelo a year later. He regained the Junior-heavyweight title by defeating Billy Darnelle. Varga began gaining weight



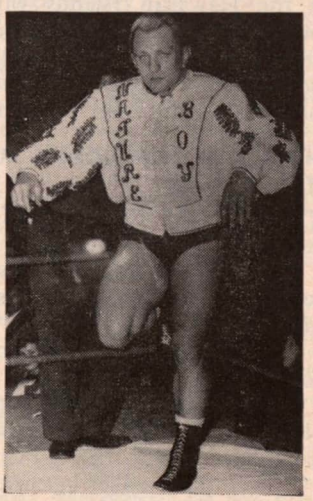
Jim Grabmire, wrestling for Al Haft of Columbus, Ohio, is 6'6" weighs 238 and is 20 years of age. He's a comer.

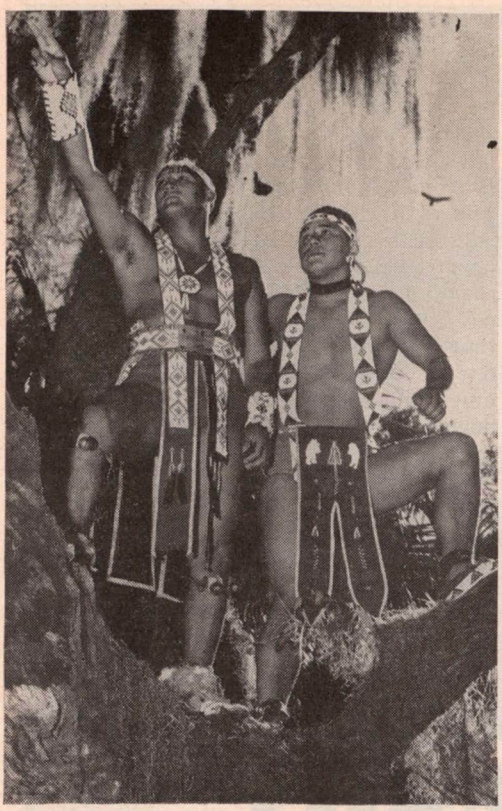


(Above) Joe Louis, former heavyweight boxing champ turned wrestler, seen getting the worse of things for the moment but he turned the tables on his opponent Rocky Hi Lee after seven minutes of dull grappling at the Adelphi Athletic Arena in Philadelphia.

(Left) A new tag team combination, Tosh and "The Great" Togo, who are drawing capacity houses in California.

(Right) Buddy "Nature Boy" Rogers, 6', 227 pounder from Camden, N. J., one of the top favorites in U. S. Rings.





Don Eagle and Billy Two-Rivers made up for their parts in the new movie *Osceola*, a story of the Seminole Indians. Don is continuing his wrestling along with his new movie career.

Billy Varga, versatile athlete and a top drawing card in Hawaii and on the West Coast, seen here in a scene from one of his many movie roles in which he has the not too hard to take part of dancing with Rita Hayworth.

and now at 224 is a full fledged heavyweight.

Varga owns a luxurious home in the Hollwood Hills called "Varga Var" (Var meaning Castle).

He spends three months of each year on skis with his wife and children in Yosemite. He finds the deep snow and mountains are good for body conditioning.

Hobbies are stamp collecting and photography, and also chasing down western folklore, dealing with the gunmen and characters who used to inhabit the old border towns, gold camps and cattle ranges from 1860 to 1900. He is an authority on the old west.

He has appeared in several motion pictures and television plays.

His wife's name is Rosebud and he has three sons named, Billy, Jr. aged 10, Courtland 6, and Royce 2. Varga hopes to make them the world's first three-man tag-team champions. Billy has just won the Heavyweight championship of the Hawaiian Islands which is a much coveted and sought after title. This adds a new notch to Varga's wrestling record and the beautiful gold and diamond championship belt that goes with it. He defeated Al Lolotai at the Civic Auditorium in Honolulu—March 1956.

SHORT STORY ON DONNA MARIE DIECKMAN . . .
BY BOB UTTER

DONNA MARIE DIECKMAN, is a 21-year old Chatham, Ohio, mat star.

She is a combination of wrestling ability, strength and beauty. When not on tour she makes her home with her parents.

Donna is an all-around good guy. She is devoted to her home, parents and religion.

Of the two hundred or so girls in wrestling today, Donna Marie would have to be classed among the top girls in the sport. Her style is strictly Pier 6 and she asks no favors. She is a top money maker because of this. On her father's farm she can pick-up heavy sacks of grain and bales of hay without batting an eye. She drives a tractor and can handle all farm machinery.

Despite her strength, Donna Marie, is feminine. She wears tailored clothes like a Paris model.

Donna actually became interested in wrestling through her father, Raymond Dieckman, a husky 230-pound former amateur boxer, who taught his charming daughter to be sports minded. After taking a course in judo, she and her father went to see Billy Wolfe.

"I had wrestling in my heart," smiled Donna. *"I used to go to Cleveland to see mat shows and every chance I got I would go and talk to the wrestlers."*

Outside of the ring she has a sweet disposition, but after donning her ring trunks, our Miss Dieckman is a raving terror.

DON EAGLE, MAKES MOVIE DEBUT

CHIEF DON EAGLE, favorite of wrestling fans and one of the world's most versatile athletes, added still another trophy to his belt of many accomplishments when he signed with Empire Studios for the role of "Alligator" in the forthcoming wide screen epic of Osceola.

When Don arrived for a screen test he brought along his wrestling protege, Billy Two-Rivers, for a session with Director R. John Hugh. The result—twin booking! Billy was signed and will portray a Seminole medicine man in the film.

In his role of "Alligator", Don becomes one of the warrior chieftain of the restless Seminoles, led in their fight for freedom by Osceola, played by James Craig.

Veteran Hollywood badman, Barton MacLane, makes life more difficult as he harasses both Indians and slaves in the role of "Wilson", slave trader and renegade Indian Agent who operates under license of the government.

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TIME FOR DECISION!

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Siler worked so often that he automatically had the knack of scoring accurately.

"Wherever there was a fight of importance, they brought in a name referee acceptable to both sides. Nobody was a 'New York referee' or an 'Illinois referee.' You were a boxing referee because you knew your stuff and you were trusted by everybody. Nobody was knuckling under to a political boss."

The "little champ" spoke of a condition in New York while Eddie Eagan had been chairman of the commission.

"Now Eagan was a fine guy, a friend of Gene Tunney's and a real sportsman. But, when a certain fellow wanted to get a license to referee, Eagan wrote him a letter in which he said, 'it is customary to clear these applications through your district leader.' That's what I mean."

Abe noted that there's only one referee nowadays who works in more than one city, "this Kessler, Harry Kessler."

"He has come up from a third-class referee to a first-class referee. And you know why? Because he gets around like the old timers. He's gotten the experience he needs."

Attell suggested that the commissions in all localities go over their lists and do a weeding-out.

"You only need two or three main event referees and half a dozen judges in any big city. Let them work once a week or oftener. If it's practical, have an organization like the NBA arrange to exchange referees and judges now and then. A Chicago referee work in Milwaukee, a Detroit judge go to Chicago. It makes sense and you'd really have 'neutral' officials."

Billy Graham, former welterweight contender, a young man of judgment and intelligence, believes that most referees and judges who have been on the job any length of time tend to become slip-shod in their scoring.

"They need to be brought up to date," he insisted. "The best way to do that is to have regular meetings, say once every three months, at which people who know fights—managers, trainers, newspapermen—discuss their decisions with them. You thrash out ideas that correct wrong impressions.

Harry Jeffra, who held the bantam and featherweight titles some years back, today is a jockeys' agent but his spectator-interest in boxing hasn't abated and he's the proponent of a 'new talent' plank for officials.

"In my present business," he observed, "I'd get nowhere if I stood pat. I'm always looking for young jockeys who have ability. The same thing holds in judges and referees. The promoters and commissions have got to 'scout' to get good new men."

Jeffra suggested that college and amateur tournaments be watched from time to time to discover if there are promising officials.

"I think they can go a step further," he said, "they could have some of the best referees and judges appear in a movie short, illustrating the right and wrong ways to work, and have it shown before youth groups. You can't tell me that kids wouldn't be inspired to try and learn to be referee and judges."

Gus Lesnevich, ex-light heavyweight champ, bluntly stated: 'If you want high-class officiating, you need high-class men. The fees that are paid to fererees and judges these days don't appeal to high-class men."

Gus is familiar with the fact that Harry Kessler, mentioned earlier, is a very wealthy metallurgical engineer who gives his refereeing pay to charity.

"He's the exception that proves the rule," Lesnevich emphasized. "Most fellows are of average means. They can use the money. Put the pay up where it would mean something and you'll attract men who now say that 'it isn't worth my time.'"

"Ask anybody who has boxed, or is boxing, wouldn't he give up three or four per cent of his purse if he could know that better officiating would come out of it? I know I would, I blew a few decisions because some glory-seeking guy who didn't know boxing was judging for beans."

Overall this writer shares the views of these panelists.

I'd like to supplement them, though. As a realist knowing that commissions are jealous of their prerogatives, I see no hope in the immediate future for any nationwide agreement on a scoring system, for one thing. The NBA states are as convinced of the superiority of the 10-must system as New York is on the rounds, plus points, setup.

Going to grass roots, I'd say that the knowledge possessed by the referee and judges in any fight is more important than the means by which they reach a verdict. Men who understand what they are looking at will come up with a proper decision in eight cases out of ten.

There also is another key weakness of commission control which casts a dark shadow on the idealistic thought that somehow, someway practical fight people will become top officials. Commissions are used by politicians to work out favors, much as they use any department of state government.

Another agonizing aspect is this: our worst decisions are handed down by completely honest referees and judges, albeit incompetent ones. It is interesting to note that in the boxing investigations which have taken place in New York and California there hasn't been one instance in which suspicion was cast on an official.

What to do with honest incompetents? That's where the refresher course has practical value Even a political hack can learn from listening to experts. A sound official also must benefit from the same.

With what I believe is justified pessimism, I urge fight fans to talk up our board's suggestions and, wherever possible, pressure political bigwigs into carrying out these ideas but don't expect too much. Not being disappointed is better than being disillusioned. And that's for sure.

CANADIAN TOPICS

By Lawson Bampton

MONTREAL RETURNED TO BOXING ACTIVITY AFTER A YEAR OR SO of inactivity with a show promoted by Pit Audette at the new east end Palais des Sports, a spot with a capacity of some 3,000 fans.

Franz Szuzina, a middleweight from Bremen, Germany, made an auspicious debut though being held to a draw by rugged Bob Provizzi. The German had Provizzi flat on his back in the first round with a terrific right hand punch but Provizzi weathered the round and fought a careful fight the rest of the way. Judge Johnny Gow called it for Szuzina but the referee and the other judge called it a draw so it went for a dead heat.

The supporting bouts supplied plenty of lively action. Gaby Pallotti, Canadian featherweight champion, had a little too much for George Stephany, a little windmill from New York.

Yvon Turenne, powerfully built middleweight lad, scored a fifth round knockout over Bobby (The Creole Kid) Croxon in a lively, hard hitting scrap. Pat Supple, bantam hotshot, celebrated his 20th birthday by scoring his 20th pro victory via a fifth round TKO over Claude Bonin in a furious battle while it lasted. Guy Robitaille took the best shots Marcel Sauve could offer then came on strong to stop Sauve in the fourth heat.

▶ **GOLDEN GLOVES . . . The Y.M.H.A. of Montreal, headed by a committee led by Joe Rubin, turned in a terrific promotional job in putting over the 1956 Golden Gloves tournament, with 14,000 tickets sold for the finals at the Forum . . . outstanding open class winner was Eddie Stock, the welterweight king . . . open class champs are: 112 lbs., Mike Pollack; 119 lbs., Gaston Blanchard; 125 lbs., Jerry Bouchard; 132 lbs., Yves Hmond; 139 lbs., Claude Labonte; 147 lbs., Eddie Stock; 156 lbs., Jimmie Fields; 165 lbs., Jimmy Montgomery; 178 lbs., Brian Stewart; Heavyweight, Bob Cleroux.**

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By BILL MILLER

A CAPACITY crowd of 10,103 paid a gross of $44,247 to see Art Aragon rack up the unanimous verdict over former lightweight king Jimmy Carter at the Olympic Auditorium. It was their third meeting, and the score now reads: Aragon 2, Carter 1.

Their rivalry began 'way back yonder in 1951, about three months after Carter had knocked out Ike Williams to win the title. It was a non-title affair, and Aragon electrified a packed house—the gross was $47,833—by winning a tight fit somewhat disputed decision.

A couple of months later, they met again; this time for the title. It was the first West-to-East TV fight in history; the main event went on at 7 p.m.—an ungodly hour—and drew over $74,000 at the gate, plus $35,000 for TV rights. This time Carter won decisively. Immediately thereafter, Aragon renounced the lightweight division and became a welter.

This third fight, too, made ring history: it inaugurated the "ten-must" system of scoring after many years of the so-called Australian or 11-point method. Candor compels me to state that the new style failed to meet with general approval; quite the contrary. It took the judges nearly ten minutes to check their cards.

As to the fight itself, it was Aragon by a solid margin. No room for argument. Art punched with power and precision; by the time the 7th round rolled around, Carter's right eye was swollen shut, and in the 8th round, Aragon asked Referee Tommy Hart to stop the fight to save Carter from further punishment. He was over-ruled.

Referee Tommy Hart scored it 98-86; Judge Frankie Van, 99-84; Judge Jimmy Wilson, 99-79. Aragon weighed 145½; Carter 139.

Former lightweight champ Lauro Salas, in the TV ten, had one of his good nights; he scored a 5-round TKO over Sonny Mendia, Vera Cruz, dropping him four times in the process. Mendia had triumphed over Irish Wayne Cooke in his only other local showing. Salas, 130; Mendia, 129½.

The fours: Danny Perez, 148, TKO (1) over Joey Brooks, 156½; Al Wilcher, 128½, decisioned Norbert Galindo, 128; and Teddy Rand, 118½, decisioned Rudy Cisneros, 118.

The Aragon-Carter scrap was not televised; all other bouts were.

▶ Paul Armstead, 129, made a sensational debut as a main-eventer at Hollywood Legion Stadium by scoring a 9th round TKO triumph over favored Vic Ponce, 128½. Referee Lee Grossman halted hostilities after Ponce had hit the deck twice in the 9th.

Armstead substituted for Tommy Bain. He turned pro about a year ago, and had an imposing kayo record in prelims and semi-finals.

The semi-final, scheduled for six, didn't last that long. Joe Chavez, 141, floored Billy Blevins, 143, twice and Referee Jimmy Wilson stopped the scrap in Round 2.

The fours: Jess Resendez, 131, TKO (3) over Ray Avalos, 129; Frank Haynes, 174, decisioned Charley Black, 165, and Fred Montor, 151½, TKO (4) over Jimmy Cooper, 152½.

▶ Charles (Pop) Foster, famed as the manager of Jimmy McLarnin, died of cancer at the age of 82 at the Physicians and Surgeons Hospital in Glendale. He was born in Armley, England and served his country in the Boer War as well as World War I, but died as an American citizen. At one time he managed Spike Robson, featherweight champ of England.

Foster and McLarnin remained close friends after Jimmy's retirement from the ring. "He taught me everything I knew," said the saddened McLarnin when informed of Pop's death.

▶ "The 10-point system flops," was the caption of Sid Ziff's column in the L. A. Mirror-News, following the inauguration of said system in the Carter-Aragon fight at the Olympic Auditorium.

"Get 'em an adding machine," roared one fan, disgusted with the 10-minute delay before the verdict was announced. "The commission may have to call on bank tellers to audit the scores," commented Ziff.

"As long as this new scoring method is used, all sorts of weird results can be expected," he continued. "One judge had Aragon ahead by 20 points, another by only 10. I had Aragon by 22 and John Hall (Mirror-News boxing scribe) by 13."

L. A. referees voted unanimously against this system.

"I would suggest," concluded Ziff, "that the new system be thrown into the nearest ash-can, but then what would I know about it? I've only been reporting fights for 30 years."

(Well, I tolja so, Sid! Remember?)

▶ A scorching ten-rounder at Hollywood Legion Stadium saw underdog Jose Luis Cotero, 128, left-hook Kenny Davis, 2-1 choice, to the canvas in the 9th round, and thereby cinch the unanimous verdict over the former leatherneck. Davis weighed 124½.

Jose Luis seems to have the weird but desirable faculty of winning when he's expected to lose. And—not so desirable—losing when he's figured to win.

Referee Mushy Callahan and Judge Reg Gillmore turned in identical cards, 56-53; Judge John Thomas saw it 55-54—all for Cotaro. One point was deducted from Kenny's total because of a punch below the Mason-Dixon line, in the last round.

Davis got off in front, took the first two rounds by comfortable margins, but in round 3 Cotero's left-hook began to percolate, and by the end of the 8th the scoring on most cards was even-Stephen. In the 9th, a left to the jaw sent Kenny crashing to the canvas and though Davis finished fast it wasn't fast enough to overcome that knockdown.

In the six-round semi, Sonny Gill, 156, Bobo Olson's sparmate, won the unanimous verdict over Eddie McGowan, 160. The fours: Ray De Leon, 128, decisioned Norbert Galindo, 129½; Joey Smyer, 138, KO (4) over Benny Robleto, 139; and Dave Gailes, 146½, decisioned Billy Voges, 143.

▶ Neal Welch, Toledo, Ohio heavyweight, did not achieve victory on his first invasion of the San Francisco Bay Region, but he did make highly favored Charley Powell step his fastest in the final two rounds to earn the decision. Promoter Jimmy Murray had the big boys as his headliners in a ten-rounder at Richmond's Auditorium. Weights: Powell, 210; Welch, 207.

Powell, a '49er lineman during the football season, had plenty of trouble with Welch. After the fifth an eye cut suffered by Charley bled profusely. In the eighth most tabulators had the bout even, but when Powell pounded Welch all over the ring in the ninth and tenth he was listed the winner by 57½ to 52½. Frankie Brown refereed.

Sammy LaCross, 140, stopped Vinnie Hines, 141, in 5; Marvin Marcus, 138, dec. Jack Perrelli, 136, in 4; Rudy Sanchez, 132, dec. Max Telles, 130, in 4.

▶ Like Edmond Dantes, the Count of Monte Cristo, Billy Peacock, L. A. bantam, seems to be on a vengeance rampage against the guys who "done him wrong." First it was Raton Macias, last year; Macias had stopped Peacock in their first meeting, but when they tangled tails the second time, Peacock knocked out the Mexican champ, and added insult to injury (or was it injury to insult?) by breaking his jaw in the process.

At the Olympic Auditorium, L. A., Peacock, 123¼, faced Nate Brooks of Cleveland, who hefted a meaty 127½.

A couple of years ago, Brooks scored an 8th round KO over Peacock in Brooklyn.

Peacock made it better than even-Stephen by stopping Brooks in 2:30, Round One, in this rematch. Billy set up his foe with a left hook to the head, followed by a smashing right cross. Down went Brooks for a nine-count. He got up, somewhat woozy, but Peacock was not to be denied. He staged a tigerish assault, and the same two punches—left to the head, followed by a right cross to the jaw—sent him down again, this time for the full count.

Now Peacock is after the scalp of Alphonse Halimi, the Algerian who won a tight-fit and somewhat disputed verdict over him in Paris a couple of months ago. But he wants to meet Halimi on the home grounds, not in France.

A crowd estimated at 3,500 cheered Peacock to the echo. The bout was not televised.

The TV ten, same program, didn't go that distance. Tombstone Smith, 151, ruined the California debut of Jimmy King, 153½, out of Alabama via New York, by scoring a 3rd round TKO, dropping him twice in the process. It was Tombstone's 18th win in 20 pro starts. Maybe there IS something in a name.

The fours: Connie Citizen, 150½, decisioned Jimmy Dupree, 147½; Jerry Goldberg, 143, duked Questa Walker, 143; Jimmy Hornsby, 137, TKO (4) over Randy Kitchen, 137; and Teddy Rand, 118, drew with Dudy Cisneros, 119.

▶ One of the things not taught in boxing school is how to fight on to win after receiving a broken nose. Kid Castro, 140, of Stockton, had to master that difficult accomplishment in his battle with Billy Beals, 134, Oakland. They stepped ten fast rounds at the Civic Auditorium in Stockton.

Castro had to make use of all his speedy punching and elusive footwork from the sixth round on. He had to punch often enough to stay in the lead, and yet not allow his foe to score too many blows on his damaged proboscis. The applause for Castro was both for his victory and his gameness.

Tony Paris, 141, Stockton took the decision from Reuben Orona, 147, San Francisco, in the six round semi.

Results of fours: Tom Busby, 188, dec. Spencer Davis, 201; Andrew Domebo, 165, outpointed Joe Neal, 166; Cleo Frazier, 159, dec. Willie Moon, 153.

▶ Cleo Lane of Oakland, has suffered a few knockouts in his busy career, but usually from being tired out in the eighth or ninth round. When he faced Flash Elorde, the Philippine featherweight champion blasted Lane out of the picture in one round. They were booked in a scheduled ten rounder at San Francisco Garden.

Just before Referee Vern Bybee halted proceedings, Lane was the target for a withering fusillade to the body and head. He bowed out while sitting on the lower rope of the ring. Weights: Elorde, 130; Lane, 129.

In the compact new arena were 959 fans, who paid $2,347 gross.

Emil Barao, 151, veteran left hook dispenser from Hayward, fought for the first time in 16 months and earned a draw with Pete Washington, 148, S. F., in six rounds.

The other two supporting bouts were also six rounders. Tommy Villa, 172, decisioned Bull Halsey, 173; Jerry Hall, 149, outpointed Deacon Bryant, 146.

▶ "It was an evening of upsets at Hollywood Legion Stadium," wrote Cal Whorton, of the L. A. Times. "Fans were upset when Bobo Olson failed to keep his sceduled exhibition date with Sonny Gill, and Charley Sawyer was upset by Neal Rivers."

First, the fight: Neal Rivers, 8-10 underdog, 155, scored a 1-round knockout over Charley Sawyer, 151, in the main event. By the victory, Rivers annexed the California state 160-lb title.

Sawyer, publicized as the "fighter everyone feared to meet," was dropped twice in the initial round. Now everyone is wondering why he was feared. Referee Charley Randolph stopped the fight after the second knockdown.

Whatever the cause of Olson's not appearing, it left a bad taste in the mouths of the cash customers. More than 200, according to Whorton, went to the box-office and got a refund.

In the semi-final, scheduled for six, Paul Armstead, 132, scored a 3-round TKO over Pete Aguirre, 132. The fours: Charlie Clark, 143, decisioned Vince Davi, 146; Dargin McWhorter, 142, decisioned Larry Rosadilla, 145, and Alfredo Zuany, 192, KO (1) over Kid Percey, 208.

▶ Still untied and undefeated is stocky Joey Dorando, fighting son of a fighting father, following his exciting 10-round battle with Rudy Mendoza at the Olympic Auditorium. But it was a close call.

Dorando, 146, got off to a good start with a savage body attack, but the game Mexican lad began to score with right hands to the head in Round 3, and was going good until the 8th heat. In the 9th, Joey, evidently spurred by Manager Willie Ginsberg, came out to do-or-die. He didn't die; he dood.

Mendoza's father, like Dorando senior, was also a scrapper—both battled in the late Twenties and early Thirties. Both were good men—worthy sires of worthy sons.

It was Dorando's 11th pro fight, and his 11th win. All three officials turned in identical cards: 55½-54½.

There was very little clinching; the action was fast and furious throughout, and fans showed their appreciation by tossing money into the ring after the scrap. When a main event enjoys a silver shower, that's something unusual.

Undoubtedly there will be a rematch.

Mendoza's best round was the sixth; Dorando's, the tenth, in which he had Rudy rubber-legged. He needed that Garrison finish to win.

The prelims: Jerry Goldberg, 144, KO (3) over Dick Otto, 144½; Tony Reyes, 139½, decisioned Frank Jennings, 139; Joey Brooks, 158½, KO (1) over Larry Maldonado, 162; and Freddy Milton, 181½, decisioned Clarence Wilson, 191.

▶Cisco Andrade, 135, fistic luminary from Compton, gave Jorge Macias, 137, San Jose, a boxing lesson for ten rounds, and took a 58-52 point decision. Battleground was the San Jose Civic Auditorium.

A persistent left was Cisco's principal weapon when Jorge fought at long range, but the "Compton Comet" smashed in authoritative rights when Macias crowded him. Frankie Carter refereed.

Box office report: 1,250 fans paid $3,359 gross.

In the special event six, Bull Halsey, 173, Oakland, drew with Tommy Villa, 173, Decoto.

Also in six, Sammy LaCrosse, 140, Modesto, outpointed Gene Tortorice, 141, L. A.; Henry Rosa, 139, drew with Ken Gordon, 139, in 4.

▶Rocky Slater came to San Francisco from Los Angeles with the reputation of a crowd pleaser, having won several Hollywood 'best bout' bonuses. He lived up to advance notices, winning the positive acclaim of the fans in pounding out a ten round victory over Johnny Milton of Richmond. They met at Winterland Arena. Weights: Slater, 158; Milton, 151.

Referee Johnny Lotsey scored it 58-52. The program was promoted by Jimmy Murray.

Receipting for a heavy body thumping, Milton lost every round but the sixth and second.

For the second time in two weeks Al Barbero, 152, Oakland, and Pete Washington, 147, Chicago, battled to a six round draw.

Result of fours: Tony Moss, 150, TKO'd Don Kelly, 151, in 4; Jack Parelli, 140, dec. George Weiner, 147; Johnny Salas, 161, stopped Rocky Brown, 155, in 2.

▶A novelty on Bobby Woods' record is a 20-round fight in Idaho, which he won. Though the Spokane battler can go 20 rounds if necessary, he did not need that much time against Georgie Reed, whom he knocked out in two rounds. The pair were scheduled to go ten sessions in the show promoted by the Humboldt Athletic Club in the Civic Auditorium at Eureka, Calif. Weights: Woods, 136; Reed, 137.

Woods boxed methodically in the first, and was hitting his lanky San Francisco foe at will as the round ended. Repeated body and head shots in the second softened Reed up, and Woods ended the contest with a long, left hook. Referee Marty Watkins counted Reed out.

Jimmy McCoy, Eureka, won a six round decision over Benny Walker, San Francisco. Weights: McCoy, 153; Walker, 154.

Fours: Chet Sheppard, 160, TKO'd Ronnie Marshall, 159, in 2; Billy Walker, 130, stopped Maxie Green, 141, in 3; Bucky Jones, 133, drew with Ken Gordon, 138.

▶It was a fledgling with but 13 fights against a high ranking heavyweight contender. So young Eddie Machen's admirers figured he would do well to merely last the distance against Nino Valdes. The Redding, Calif., youngster not only went the full route at a fast pace, but performed well enough to take the verdict of all three officials. They clashed in a ten rounder at San Francisco's Cow Palace.

It was a sizzling left that constantly raked Valdes' features and piled up the points for Machen. Valdes was never out of the running, but Machen's footwork kept the Cuban from following up when he was successful in getting in a solid thump to Eddie's body. Valdes weighed 212, Machen 193.

Most of the early rounds were close, with whatever advantage there was going to Machen. He surprised the onlookers by proving a better boxer than Valdes, and taking numerous solid shots such as the ones which kayoed Don Cockell and Hurricane Jackson. In each instance Eddie came back swinging.

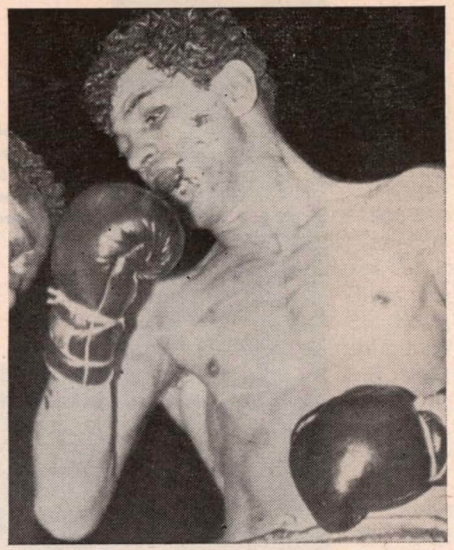
Machen's best round was the eighth, when he definitely staggered the Cuban. Valdes took the ninth and tenth, the last round being the toughest receiving sessions for Machen.

Point scoring: Referee Jack Downey, 55½-54½; Judge Fred Apostoli, 56-54; Judge Toby Irwin, 56½-53½.

The crowd was estimated at 4,000.

There were two sixes. Frankie Brown, 145, Oakland, drew with Bobby Saunders, 144, S. F. John Carroll, 181, Oakland, outpointed Babe Hunt, 190, Richmond.

Prelim fours: Jerry Hall, 150, drew with Don Webb, 149; John Salas, 166, TKO'd Joe Villa, 160, in 2.



Art Aragon, who split two decisions with former lightweight champion Jimmy Carter, racked up a unanimous decision in the rubber match before an Olympic Auditorium crowd that paid over $44,000.

▶One of the most upsy-downsy fighters in Southern California is Lou Filippo, now staging his third comeback. At Hollywood Legion Stadium, his favorite arena, Filippo, 140, scored a 2-round TKO over Gilberto Munoz, Juarez, 140. It was scheduled for ten.

Originally, Filippo was slated to meet Ray Greco, but that unfortunate young man ran afoul of the law and was picked up by police a couple of days before the fight, charged with three alleged robberies.

About 1,600 fans paid a gross of $2,500, then or thereabouts, to see the hostilities. Following the fight, Manuel Dros, Munoz' manager, announced Gilberto's retirement.

Munoz was dropped three times in the first and was being badly manhandled when Referee Dynamite Jackson wisely stopped the one-sided scrap.

Joey Chavez, 139, Albuquerque, got the unanimous verdict over Al Barraza, Miami, 143, in the six-round semi. Announcer Len Jacobsen first gave the fight to Barraza, but corrected it later. It was Len's first mistake of 1956.

The fours: Ray De Leon, 127, decisioned Jimmy Lassiter, 131½; Ray Avalos, 128½, decisioned Al Tovar, 128; Charlie Black, 164½, duked Monroe Radcliff, 173; and Sammy Seals, 166, drew with Joey Brooks, 162.

▶Three of our five California boxing commissioners voted for the "must 10" system of scoring, now in use in most N.B.A. states, and I must say I don't agree with the gents. The 11-point, or Australian system, has been in vogue here for many years. I found it very useful in Manila, 35 years ago or more, when I covered boxing there for the Daily Bulletin.

There have been three ludicrous miscarriages of justice in the "must-ten" method in recent months: one in Cincinnati, one in Chicago, one in San Francisco. These were outstanding. Heaven alone, knows how many others there have been.

In the 11-point system, all cards in a ten-round fight must total 110, minus points deducted for fouls. There's no such safety device in the 10-point method. So—why the change, buddies?

▶Superior boxing of Lou Gage, 148, San Francisco, gave him the advantage through the first half of his ten-rounder against Giancarlo Garbelli, 147, of Milan, Italy. But the Italian came fast through the rest of the encounter, and earned himself a draw. They met in the finale at San Francisco's Winterland arena.

Garbelli also overcame the disadvantage of a cut eye suffered in the third round. The wound bled profusely, and the ring doctor had to take several looks at it during the battle.

Referee Jack Silver, the sole arbiter, gave the draw decision.

In an explosive six rounder, Al Barbero, 150, San Francisco, stood off Pete Washington, 150, Chicago. The draw ruling pleased the crowd.

Four round card: Hershel Bailey, 168, TKO'd Bill Rix, 177, in 3; Bob Butcher, 198, stopped Dick Tanner, 186, in 2; Nick Turner, 175, dec. Tommy Villa, 174.

▶Golden Boy Art Aragon, Los Angeles, 147½, rambled up to Stockton to score a 5th round TKO over Raul Perez, Havana, 148½, in what was scheduled as a ten-rounder. A crowd of 1,350 paid $3,100 to see the non-televised tussle.

Honors were fairly even at the end of the fourth, but Aragon came to life in the fifth to land a lethal left-hook on Perez' jaw and end hostilities.

Ike Jenkins, Los Angeles, 149, decisioned Chuck Courtney, Oakland, 143½, in a six-rounder; Sammy La Cross, Modesto, 137, duked Paul Felix, 131, Stockton, in another six; and Ken Jordan, Oakland, 139½, drew with Henry Rosa, Stockton, 139.

▶A delegation of over 100 rooters from his home town of Tijuana, Mexico, saw Pomi Barajas, shaggy-haired banty, 129½, duplicate a former triumph over Joey Benson, Columbus, Ohio, 120, at the Olympic Auditorium, L. A.

Rain kept the attendance down to about 1,000.

It was an exciting brawl, and the verdict was unanimous: Referee Tommy Hart, 56-54; Judge Lee Grossman, the same; and Judge Tommy Herman, 58-52. Benson finished with a rush and a roar to take the last round by a big margin, but "the pardon came too late." Stocky Pimi had rolled up too big a margin in the earlier rounds.

The fours: Del Jackson, 140¼, decisioned Randy Kitchen, 136½; Lloyd Fowler, 141, decisioned Hector Garcia, 140; Jimmy Lassiter, 132½, duked Ferny Alderette, 135; and Jimmy Hornsby, 145, KO (2) over Rudy Lara, 131½.

▶When Howard King and a number of other lighter foes lasted the distance with Archie Moore, many Northern California form players expected him to have trouble with 211-pound Willie Bean. The lightheavyweight king still has the fans guessing, for he outmaneuvered Bean from the start and knocked him out in five rounds. They were scheduled for ten at Richmond's auditorium. Moore weighed 196.

Bean was dropped twice in the second, the bell coming to his rescue. In the third and fourth Moore used footwork and his fast left to keep Bean off balance.

Then came three knockdowns in the fifth, with Referee Jack Downey intervening.

A crowd of 2,850 paid $5,078 gross.

Chico Arroya, 135, put on a fast finish to take a six-round decision over Billy Brown, 138.

Four rounders: Nick Lopez, 121, stopped Bennie Coca, 124, in 1; Mutt Goodwin, 152, dec. Sal Flores, 153; Don Webb, 155, KO'd Jimmy Peters, 149.

▶Two lightweight division veterans who delight in upsetting ambitious youngsters got a chance to match ring wiles against each other at the Municipal Auditorium in San Jose. Teddy (Red Top) Davis of Hartford, Conn., had the best finishing spurt, and won the ten-round decision over Eddie Chavez, of San Jose. Weights: Davis, 139; Chavez, 138.

It was a split decision. Referee Johnny Lotsey and one judge gave it to Davis, 56 to 54. The other judge ruled 57 to 53 for Chavez.

Chavez used left hooks to the body to good effect in the first six rounds. In the eighth neither appeared winded, and a spirited slugging match ensued. Davis made better use of the pacing period in the ninth, because in the tenth he swarmed all over Chavez.

Attendance was 2,046.

Reuben Orona, 151, San Francisco, knocked out Toby Alvarado, 149, San Jose, in 2.50 of the second round of a scheduled six.

▶That great old-timer, Leo P. Flynn, once told me: "It's the upsets in boxing that keep the game alive." Perhaps the same applies to hoss-races.

Anyway, Leo's theory was upheld at the Olympic Auditorium, L. A., when unknown, unheralded Sonny Mendia, 128, of Vera Cruz, Mexico, scored a one-sided victory over the top-heavy choice, Irish Wayne Cooke, 128.

Mendia took everything Cooke had to offer, though the Irishman was rated a lethal puncher. Throwing wide, wild punches, Mendia cinched the win with a couple of knockdowns. The verdict was unanimous: Referee Russ Bradford, 58-52; Judge Tommy Hart, 60-50, and Judge Frank Holborow, 61-49.

Though the fight was one-sided, it was exciting: fans figured that there was always a chance for Cooke to land one of his lullaby wallops. But the Mexican lad wasn't fazed by Wayne's wickedest socks.

"I WON'T BE BACK"

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Norris had a return bout with Moore in mind, but Jim could not sell this idea to himself, with any degree of conviction that it could make money.

It is possible that, by one of those strange quirks which so often develop in boxing, the champion's retirement eventually will turn out to be a good thing and conducive to fistic prosperity.

ONLY $250,000 LEFT OF ALL THAT MONEY

Marciano is not a rich man. His friends say he has not more than $250,000 salted away, and that he is sure of at least $1,000 a month for the rest of his life, in addition to other revenues.

The day Rocky said he was through, he tipped the beam at 212 pounds, some 23 over his best fighting weight. He is the muscle bound type, and to be fit for a fight must keep in shape all the year round. That means a perpetual state of light training, and that's not fun.

"I could go on," Rocky said. "I feel fine and have not yet tired of the grind. I could take on three more challengers at top speed. I am not afraid of anybody who might want to be the champion, I am not ill and it would take me only three months training to get into condition for a title bout."

Mrs. Marciano had been urging her husband to retire and he had promised action by May. He had hinted what he was about to do in interviews in South America.

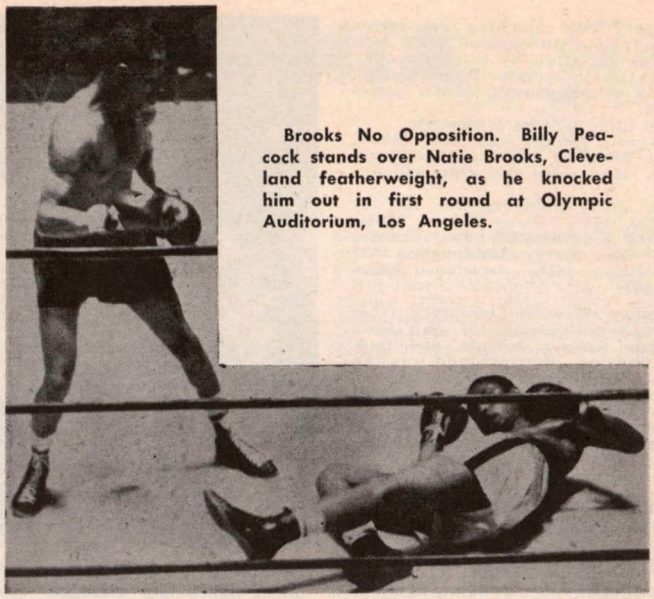
It is conceivable that the bald fact that no spectacular opposition confronted him had something to do with Marciano's decision.

To carry a fighter through a severe training regimen, to keep a champion on his toes, eager for the ring again, there must be the factor of excitement, of contest.

In Marciano's case, that factor had ceased to exist. For him, one fight had become like another, just a medium for picking up another purse and handing most of it over to Uncle Sam.

You train long and hard, you take your chances in the ring, you get belted around, see your eyes cut, your nose split in half, and then the tax man walks in and grabs the biggest piece of the pie. And thats the way it has to be. And, of course, there is Manager Weill's split, too.

It has been said that some of the circumstances which helped Marciano to make up his mind developed from the International Boxing Club's troubles from its defense of a federal suit, from the California Cox investigation, and from unsavory ring outcroppings in general.



Brooks No Opposition. Billy Peacock stands over Natie Brooks, Cleveland featherweight, as he knocked him out in first round at Olympic Auditorium, Los Angeles.

This has to be doubted. Marciano, the champion, never was involved in anything shady or questionable. He trained hard, did his best, beat his man, and went home. For him, the poor press of boxing had no repercussions. He personally was not involved.

Marciano did have one quarrel with fight critics. No matter how hard he hit or how early he knocked out his challenger, the writers invariably went overboard for the beaten man.

"Moore Superb in His Courage," and "Cockell Game In Defeat", and other such effusions, one on top of the other, with Marciano's shortcomings as a boxer always played up, big.

Rocky never pretended to be a Jim Corbett for science. He was one of the greatest hitters the ring has seen. He never received full credit for his prowess.

Now the Rock is gone, and the fun begins, for those who could not aspire to his crown when he wore it.

A visit to Brockton, Mass., where Rocky Marciano has his home, where he was born, revealed a strange reaction to his retirement.

Usually a town of that size, glorying in its possession of so eminent a figure, wants him to go on and on. But Brockton, 24 hours after the retirement announcement seemed glad that Rocky had called it a career.

"It'll be good to have him around town again," said one of Marciano's pals. "As champion, he rarely was home."

"The Marcianos live very simply," said the man in the barber shop. "His two million ought to keep them safe from the wolf for the rest of their lives."

"He went as high as he could go and now, he could go no higher, only down," another bystander offered. "He could get hurt, which always is possible for a guy in the ring, especially at 33, and then what would be the fun? I am glad he's through. And he is through, if he says so."

Some of the folks felt that Marciano might be a savior of the town, which once was the shoe making capital of the country and now has little activity in that line. Marciano has been talking of going into a shoe factory.

ARIZONA FISTIANA

By Al Fenn

BOXING FANS THROUGHOUT ARIZONA CAN LOOK FORWARD to a big upturn in boxing throughout the state during the coming months. A number of clubs have been active the past months, including Phoenix, Tucson, Clifton and Globe. There probably are more good boys campaigning in Arizona now than in many-a moon.

Among these are Arizona heavyweight champion Zora Folley, twice beaten in 25 fights. Folley, the former All Army and Inter-service champ, has jumped in the middle of the heavyweight picture. Dick Goldstein is another active local campaigner, and so is Jimmy Martinez.

In Tucson, under promoter Herman Ray, Archie Moore kayoed Gene (Tiger) Thompson in the third, completing his tune-up fights before flying to London for his fight with Yolande Pompey in June.

▶STATE-WIDE NOTES—Paul Clinite is doing the matchmaking for the Phoenix fights which are being held in the ball park. . . . Later they will switch to the million dollar coliseum which is under construction. . . . Billy Sparks and Bill Blackman are doing a terrific job with the amateurs at the Phoenix Jewish Center. . . . Charlie Salas, a veteran of more than 175 fights, has retired. Salas was stopped only one time in his career of more than 10 years. . . . Jimmy Martinez, Arizona middleweight king, is looking good in training. . . . Kids who should go places in the future include Benny Lucero the Globe policeman, Tito Carrillo, the Clifton Comet, and Ted Tso, the Clifton Navajo, J. B. Cook of Mesa, Fred Benton, Nat Ish, Clifton Williams, Jack Gilcrist, Sherman Liggins, Chuck Flores, and Manny Elias of Phoenix, Al Barraza of Glendale, Frankie Salas of Tucson, and Eddie Guererro of Globe.

You'll hear more of Johnny Hart, Jr., who is the Arizona lightweight champ; Johnny Hayden, who has won several good ones; Hank (Kid) Davis, a rough middleweight; and Collier Cox. . . . The state's one-time light heavy champ Jack Lynch was recently in town. He lost the title to Bud Rainey . . . Lou Jaffe, former fight writer in Philadelphia, lives in Mesa, and is doing OK. He was one of the greatest . . . Read The Ring and if you have anything to say, drop a line to box C, Clifton, Arizona.

NAT FLEISCHER SAYS:

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Boxing is the most democratic sport in America. Far more Negroes participate in it, both as amateurs and professionals, than in any other field of athletic competition. Even in the deep South, where segregation has been a national topic for many months, the one field in which Negroes engage in mixed matches without molestation and obtain as fair a deal in the decisions as do their opponents, is boxing.

As our "Ring Ranking of World Boxers" show, four of eight world champions are Negroes—Archie Moore, light heavyweight; Ray Robinson, middleweight; Bud Smith, lightweight and Sandy Saddler, featherweight. In the heavyweight division, eliminating Rocky Marciano, recently retired, nine of the ten world contenders are Negroes. In the light heavyweight division, four of the leading ten are Negroes with five in the middleweight sector.

Apparently the Moscow gazette has a different definition for the word "discrimination" than we have. The entire accusation in the Communist attack rests on a false premise—that Negroes don't get championship opportunities.

The Soviet appraisal of boxing in the United States is laughable. According to it, the poor boxers here suffer everything short of assassination at the hands of greedy managers. Some boxers become invalids at the age of twenty-two. To keep his stable operating on a mass production basis, a manager must fill any vacant gaps and since talent is scarce, he uses untried boys who, because of poverty, are forced into the ring though they have little chance of going anywhere.

The Moscow observer must have a most accommodating memory which can be turned on and off at his convenience. He has only to check back four years, to the 1952 Olympic Games in Helsinki. It was the first Olympic in which Russian boxers competed, and they had ample opportunity to note for themselves the "discrimination" against American Negroes. Of the ten champions crowned in the boxing finals, no less than five were Americans of African origin. Perhaps our Muscovite boy friend feels it was "discrimination" that kept us from winning all ten titles.

BAN ON MIXED BOUTS NO LONGER IN EFFECT

Recently I received a letter asking whether it is true that under New York State regulation of boxing, mixed matches were prohibited under the law. Artie Hellman, writing from Syracuse, N. Y. wrote: **"In a debate on segregation, a subject prominent in the news these days, one of the speakers discussing boxing, said that even in New York Negroes were banned from boxing in mixed matches when the sport was legalized. I never heard of that and would appreciate a little comment on the subject."**

The person who made that statement is correct. When the Frawley Law was passed, rules and regulations for conducting boxing were formulated by a legislative committee and when the law went into effect on July 25, 1911, under "Rules for the Government of Boxing in the State of New York, Part II of the Frawley Law read: "Contests Between Negroes and White Persons, Otherwise known as 'Mixed Bouts', are strictly forbidden."

That ruling was no doubt due to the Jack Johnson case, because at the time the world heavyweight champion was in trouble with the law, based on a Mann Act charge, and public sentiment was opposed to mixed bouts.

When the Walker Law was passed and the conditions for the government of boxing were set up, Senator Walker tried to prevent this discrimination against the Negro race, but was unsuccessful and again a similar rule was recorded. But unlike the Frawley Law, the new commission closed its eyes to several such contests and within a period of two months after the law went into effect, it was violated four times when Sam Langford knocked out four white opponents in New York City.

He disposed of Westchester Jim Smith, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, Tony Ross and Tony Caponi and there wasn't the slightest interference with the promotion of the fights.

But early in 1922, less than two years after the Walker Law went into effect, a change was made. Through the efforts of Jimmy Walker, the clause on "mixed bouts" was dropped from the rules and regulations and the first official bout between a Negro and a Caucasian boxer, one sanctioned by the Commission without any subterfuge being employed, was that between Danny Edwards, a star bantamweight and Irish Johnny Curtin before a big crowd.

Neither the announcement of the match nor its fulfillment, caused as much as a ripple of excitement.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
By Tom Ephrem

RALPH DUPAS HANDED JOHNNY DIGILIO A TEN-ROUND BOXING LESSON in the feature fight at Miami Beach, parlaying fast hands and fast feet to rack up a unanimous decision before a crowd of 2,004. Dupas, number two lightweight contender in The Ring Ratings, jabbed and hooked the ever-trying Digilio and kept a safe distance throughout with exception of the eighth when he stood his ground and punched with the Bayonne, N. J. welterweight. The weights: Dupas, 143, and from New Orleans; Digilio, the same. Gate: $4,312. Chris Dundee promoted.

Andy Mayfield recorded an eight round win over The Georgia Kid in a good fight. Mayfield, of Miami, 162½, and his foe, 163½, from Augusta, Georgia. Jimmy Ford, 146, Miami, won by a TKO in six over Henry Brown, 150, also Miami, in another pleaser. Ford, ahead, opened a cut along Brown's optic in round five. Ray Estapa, 134½, Miami, bested Mario Colon, 133½, Puerto Rico, in four heats, and Kid Pumpernick, 173½, Miami, scored in four with Willie Hobbs, 172, of Augusta, Georgia.

▶ A heavy push by ex-Heavyweight Champion Rocky Marciano elevated the $425,000 drive by the Macon, Georgia YMCA for a new Youth Center there on April 20th.

▶ Oscar Pharo, 206, the slugging Syrian heavyweight from Birmingham, Alabam', fared rather well in his fight with Dan Vanderford, 200, of Charlotte, N. C. Oscar won an "Oscar" by impressively punching Vanderford for a fourth round technical knockout triumph in Birmingham.

Another Birmingham heavyweight, Tommy Thompson, 185, added prestige for the home town, coming out ahead in an eight rounder with Jimmy O'Brien, a southpaw from Memphis. The loser, closing good, got one tab in dropping the fight by a split nod. O'Brien scaled 179. Sonny Taylor, 159, of Lincoln, N. C., staved off a determined rally by localite Charlie Sazera, 152, and won a splitter in six. Joe Reeves, 193, Chattanooga, was too much for Pete Arwood, 193, Nashville. Reeves smashed a right to the jaw of his opponent for a knockout in 52 seconds of the second. Dewey Connors, 149, Atlanta, a student at Auburn University, won a four from Jim Crawford, 157, local.

▶ The Ring's fourth ranking welterweight, Vince Martinez, had a veritable picnic with Miguel Diaz in a telecast 10 rounder at Miami Beach, scoring as he pleased to live up to the 4-1 pick. The winner, 147½, from Paterson, N. J., put Diaz on the canvas twice in chalking up a very lopsided score. They came when the fighters opened the ninth and tenth. The bout drew 3,000 customers and a gate of $8,035. Weight of Diaz, 150. Rudy Ortega, 126½, of Havana, TKOed Johnny Hand, 126, Durham, North Carolina in the sixth of a fine scrap. Jerry Fraser, 155½, Halifax, Canada, took six from Bid Nethers, 149, Zanesville, O. Henry Brown, 146, Augusta, Georgia, grabbed four from Gomeo Brennan, 146, Bimini. Ray Estapa, 133, Miami, made his pro debut and came out all even in four with Bobby Bond, 135½, of Miami. Chris Dundee and Jim Norris, of the IBC, co-promoted.

▶ In a not too interesting bout, Bob Satterfield, 182½, Chicago, easily whipped Jimmy Persey, 182½, Miami, in the top tilt at Miami Beach. Satterfield sat Persey down in the first with a left hook and went from there to the decision.

▶ Gus Rubicini, 157, Toronto, Canada, won a unanimous decision over Andy Mayfield, 161, of Miami. Down three times in the opening heat, Howard Schwartz, 149½, Cincinnati, got up to hold Sonny Lemon, 153, Calhoun, S. C., even in four rounds. Oliver Walker, 217½, Fort Pierce, knocked out Willie Gullatt, 216½, Miami, in round one. Kid Pumpernik, 172, Miami, and Willie Hobbs, 173¾, Augusta, Georgia, came out all even in four. The show, promoted by Chris Dundee, drew a gathering of 1,729 and a gate of $3,633.

RATINGS

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(non-title). Gerhard Hecht was stopped by heavyweight Peter Bates, 5. Charles Colin retained French title by taking disputed decision from Jacques Bro, 15. Randy Turpin launched another comeback by stopping Alessandro D'Ottavio, 6.

Artie Towne lost to middleweight Eddie Smith, 10, then bested Phil Saxton, 10. Artenio Calzavara won Italian title by stopping Fernando Jannilli, 12. Warnell Lester stopped Terry Moore, 5. Charley Green kayoed Harvey Taylor, 3.

John Riggins kayoed Billy Tisdale, 4. Tony Anthony kayoed Frank McGary, 2.

Mike Rabula stopped Merv Cobb, 4. Matt Jackson was stopped by heavyweight Pat McMurtry, 7. Gary Garafola kayoed Augie Turiano, 4, and drew with Gerry Tessier, 10, and defeated Sid Barry, 8; Sid also lost to Mickey McGrath, 8.

Ted Doncaster kayoed Eddie Williams, 1. Tommy Villa and Bull Halsey drew, 6. Ray Dittrich outpointed Tommy Danetti, 6. Burke Emery kayoed Vern Stevenson, 2; and beat Jimmy Garcia, 6.

Sonny Hett halted Carlton Lincoln, 4, and Joe Brown 6. Joe kayoed Al Noriego, 2. Nick Turner defeated Tommy Villa, 6; Tommy beat Bull Halsey, 6.

Joe Thomas kayoed David Walker, 5; and Al Garby, 3. Roque Maravilla kayoed George Looker, 1. Jackie King decisioned Joe Laudanski, 6. Hershel Bailey kayoed Bill Rix, 3.

John Carroll won over Babe Hunt, 6. John Greenhill kayoed Bill Godfrey, 3, but was kayoed by Pat Roberts, 1. Eddie DeMars kayoed Howie Soligny, 2, and beat Archie Whitfield, 6.

Leroy Green stopped Ben Mason, 5; Mike Carrol, 5, and bested Eddie Sims, 6. Eloy Vann won over Lloyd Nelson, 6. Terry Rindel halted Jerry Sorrell, 3. Bill Hunter scored over Curtis Bruce, 6.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

World Champion Ray Robinson retained his title by kayoing Bobo Olson, 4.

Bobby Boyd won a disputed decision over Holly Mims, 10. Gene Fullmer outslugged Ralph Jones, 10.

Charley Joseph outscored Milo Savage, 10. Charlie Cotton edged out Joey Giardello, 10.

Eddie Smith upset Artie Towne, 10, and bested George Boddie, 6. Louis Trochon earned draw with Kid Gavilan, 10.

Del Flanagan outboxed George Boddie, 10. Guido Mazzinghi won Italian title by kayoing Bruno Tripodo, 12. Al Andrews beat Jesse Turner, 10. Neal Rivers kayoed Charley Sawyer, 1. Chico Vejar decisioned Steve Marcello, 10.

Tex Gonzales bested welterweight Gene Poirier, 10. Bob Provizzi and Franz Szuzina drew, 10. Charley (Tombstone) Smith kayoed Jimmy King, 3. 35-year-old Kid Dussart launched latest comeback by beating Idrissa Dione, 10. Dione stopped Pierre Wouters, 6.

Joe Schmolze whipped Clarence Riley, 8. Barry Allison whipped Eddie Andrews, 10. Rocky Slater defeated Johnny Milton, 10. Firpo Gutierrez kayoed Gabriel Barragan, 5.

Rory Calhoun halted Randy Sandy, 1.

Al Hauser stopped Ernest Burford 7. Jorge Castro won over Rayo del Sur, 10. Jerry Luedee decisioned Jimmy Williams, 8.

Mario Faverzani lost to Salab ben Fahrat, 10. Jimmy Hegerle whipped Bob Rossie, 10; but lost to Jimmy Martinez, 10. Dick Kelly kayoed Fred Terry, 2. Sonny Gill whipped Eddie McGowan, 6. 35-year-old Gilbert Lavoine drew with Andre Drille, 10. Jean Ruellet stopped Andre Oueille, 6.

Andy Mayfield whipped Georgia Kid, 8. Gus Acosta stopped Rufino Sardinas, 10.

Peter Muller outslugged Jo Janssens, 8. Archie Whitfield bested Leroy Allen, 6. Frankie (Kid) Anslem beat Rudy Watkins, 8. Art Glass defeated Sherman Williams, 8; and Bill London, 6. Johnny Neal beat Eddie Troy, 5. Rusty Davis stopped Bobby Hedges, 5. Lee Owens defeated Cal Hall, 6.

Danny Perez kayoed Joey Brooks, 1. Johnny Howard beat Earl Grey, 6. Jimmy McCoy whipped Benny Walker, 6. Rusty Davis beat Paul Holman, 6.

Leroy Oliphant defeated Wally Henderson, 6. Frank Alotta defeated Buddy Rush, 6 (twice). Sonny Taylor won from Charlie Sazera, 6.

Joe Baglio kayoed Gene Hamilton, 5. Bill Miller bested Ray Martinez, 6. Henry Hank outscored Leffie Walker, 6. Henry Bronko kayoed Bob Heard, 4.

WELTERWEIGHTS

World Champion Johnny Saxton stopped middle Gil Turner 10 (non-title).

Tony DeMarco defeated Arthur Persley, 10. Isaac Logart outpointed El Conscripto, 10, and Joe Miceli, 10. Vince Martinez outpointed Dick Goldstein, 10. Dick defeated Ray Perez, 10. Art Aragon battered Jimmy Carter, 10.

Kid Gavilan handed Peter Waterman his first loss in 33 starts, 10, but in next start, boxing as middleweight, he was held to draw by Louis Trochon, 10. European Champion Emilio Marconi outmauled Camille and Jimmy Lyggett, both 10s. Maxie Trero stopped Armando Flores, 6. Johnny Salkeld decisioned Buddy McDonald, 12. Buddy wipped Jimmy Jones, 8. Wilbur Wilson stopped Eddie Connors, 5, and drew with Walter Byars, 10. Gene Poirier lost to middleweight Tex Gonvales, 10. Al Wilson outscored Jackie O'Brien, 10. Jimmy Ford halted Henry Brown, 6.

Daye—Johnson outscored Stan Harrington. 10. Carlos Chivas and J. R. Flores drew, 8. Flores kayoed Armando Martinez, 4. Johnny Digilio lost to Ralph Dupas, 10. Pedro Fuentes won from Alfredo Martinez, 10.

Dick Lane stopped Jackie Headon, 5, and beat Candy McGilmore, 10. Tommy Nee outscored Gene Butler, 10. Joey Dorando beat Rudy Mendoza, 10. Gomero Brennan beat Ray Reed, 8. Don Weller stopped Brownie Cane, 6, and won from Tommy Higgins, 6.

Joe Davis whipped Tommy Webb, 6. Al Lariviere defeated Paulie Griffin, 8. Herbie Rodrigues kayoed Tony Nerro, 3. Billy Lynch stopped Bobby Dalton, 7.

Frankie Ipolito decisioned Itzy Wallach, 8. Tony DiBiase beat Bernie Lynn, 6. Billy Clark stopped Benny Washington, 5. Bobby Sanders and Frank Brown drew, 6.

Eddie Cates halted Joey Lewis, 7. Buddy Jackson outpunched Harold (Baby Face) Jones, 8. Tony DeCola scored over Eddie James, 6. Tommy Elder stopped Richard Garnica, 6. Beat Herman Hinton, 6, and Danny Cardenas, 10. Aalph Alvarez beat Don Jose, 6.

Henny Winchman beat Fred McArthur, 6. Al Barbero and Pete Washington drew, 6. (twice), Pete also drew with Emil Barao, 6. Cisco Halley stopped Don Southern, 6, but lost to Danny Josephs, 6. Henry White scored over Major Woodson, 5.

Leon Watkins beat Virgil Williams, 6. Raul Prada won over Farrell Reid, 6. Willie Stevenson defeated George Edmunds, 6.

Jerry Hall bested Deacon Bryant, 6. Tony Paris won over Ruben Orona, 6. Gilberto Holguin and Kid Juarez drew, 10.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

World champion Wallace (Bud) Smith lost to Joe Brown, 10 (non-title). Ralph Dupas outboxed welterweight Johnny Digilo, 10. European Champion Duilio Loi outpointed welterweight Abd ben Buker, 10, but was held to draw by featherweight Jose Hernandez in title bout 15.

Cisco Andrade decisioned Jorge Macias, 10. Jimmy Carter was beaten by welterweight Art Aragon, 10. Joe Lopes outscored Don Jordan, 12. Glen Flanagan decisioned Bobby Bickle, 10. Richie Howard outscored Jackie Hayden, 10.

Paolo Rosi whipped Sal DiGuardia, 10. Al Nevarez decisioned Enrique Esqueda, 10. Baby Cochet won the Cuban title by beating Fernando Silva, 12. Bobby Woods kayoed Georgie Reed, 2, and bested Ralph Cervantes, 10. Armando Lopez whipped Armando Baragano, 10. Enrique Ortiz defeated Marcelino Pena, 10.

Aldo Mente stopped Raul Reyna, 2, and beat Jesse Bogart, 10. Reyes Lopez scored over Manuel Rivera, 10. Rafael Lastre kayoed Orlando Gonzalez, 9. Damasco Collazo kayoed Cesar Saavedra, 3 and Thomas Castillo, 9. Beto Carbajal defeated Roberto Bolanos, 10 (twice). Mario Sandoval bested Angel Arriaga, 10. Rocky Randell stopped Ray Riojas, 8, and Orlando Echevarria, 6.

Fidel Lucero kayoed Chino Colonia, 4. Carlos Ortiz kayoed Bombero Aguilar, 7. Aguilar then fought a no contest with Terry Martinez, 4, and Ortiz stopped Sam Bruce, 2. Alex Vargas upset Kid Centella, 10. Tacho Menendez decisioned Jose Arguelles, 10, and kayoed Felix Garcia, 2. Gene Butler outpointed Charley Slaughter, 10, but lost to Tommy Nee, 10. Alvaro Gutierrez stopped Eduardo Almanzo, 6. Rodolfo Braithwaite and Herbert Douglas drew 8.

Teddy Hall scored over Baby Face Gutierrez, 6. Eli Leggett outfought Doug Medley, 8 (twice). Tommy Salem bested Georgie Collins, 6. Collins also lost to Willie Stevenson, 6. Edouard Ptak edged out Giuseppe Marotto, 10.

Kid Castro defeated Billy Beals, 10. Javellana Kid kayoed featherweight Sonny Chia, 7. Tony DeCola decisioned Charlie Cummings, 6. Charlie also lost to Ray Portilla, 8.

Steve Ward kayoed Merrill Olmstead, 4, and Manuel Garcia, 3. Frank Roche kayoed Angel Chavez, 3. Sammy LaCrosse stopped Vinnie Hines, 5, and bested Gene Tortorice, 6. Stan Fitzgerald defeated Mike Pinelli, 6. Jimmp DeMura won from Charley McGarrity, 6.

Del Jackson defeated Randy Kitchen, 6. Raul Rivera defeated Teo Frias, 10, and Fidel Hernandez, 10.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Paul Jurgensen outboxed Lulu Perez, 10. European champion Fred Galiana retained his title by stopping Jules Touan, 12. British Empire title-holder Hogan Bassey whipped Aldo Pravisani, 8.

Willie Pep scored 200th. win of his career by outpointing Jackie Blair, 10. Spanish Champion Jose Hernandez drew in European lightweight title bout with Duilio Loi, 15. Flash Florde kayoed Cleo Lane, 1, and bestd Chico Rosa, 10.

Paul Jorgensen kayoed Ted Dean, 4, and Jose Andres, 7. Cherif Hamia outpunched Ike Chestnut 10, Miguel Berrios outfought Bobby Bell, 10. Kid Anahuac kayoed Raul Solis, 6, and whipped Gil Cadilli, 10. Lauro Salas stopped Sonny Mendia, 5.

Nate Brooks was stopped by bantamweight Billy Peacock, 1. Orlando Castillo defeated Ernesto Parra, 10. Victor Manuel Quijano kayoed Chico Medina, 5. Harold Gomes stopped Dom Sacco, 4. Cecil Schoonmaker outsmarted Len Walters, 10. Jose Cotero whipped Kenny Davis, 10.

Philippine champion Emil Bill Tinde defended his title by beating Jackie Trillana, 12. Gabby Paliotti decisioned George Stephny, 6. Spanish Champion Jose Hernandez trounced Tony Lopez, 10.

Johnny Hand defeated Jimmy Calcutt, 12. Calcutt won from Tony Longo, 10. Nello Barbardoro regained Italian title by scoring upset decision over Altidoro Polidori, 12. Humberto Carrillo kayoed Luciano Gonzalez, 6. Trini Ruiz whipped Luis Castillo, 10. Ray Famechon whipped Jacques Dumesnil, 10. Edel Ojeda kayoed Genaro Serafin, 5. Jimmy Moser halted Willie Lucero, 5.

Vinnie Riccio decisioned Merrill Olmstead, 8. Bombon Kiriz bested Rafael Vazquez, 10, and Babe Rodriguez, 10. Nestor Reyes beat Villeza Villar, 8. Bobby Rogers stopped Jesse Rodrigues, 2. Jean Sneyers trounced Manola Garcia, 10.

Rudy Martinez beat Zurdo Torres, 8, Tiger Flores, 8, and Ciclon Martinez, 10. Angel Guerrero won over Rogelio Saucedo, 10. Felipe Sosa, 10, and Manuel Armenteros, 10.

BANTAMWEIWGHTS

Mario D'Agata defeated Jesus Rubio, 10.

Raul (Raton) Macias kayoed Mike Hernandez, 4. Billy Peacock kayoed featherweight Nate Brooks, 1. Jose Lopez kayoed Joey Benson, 1.

Ricardo Moreno kayoed Alejo Mejia, 6; and Oscar Suarez, 2. Italian Champion Piero Rollo decisioned Alex Bollaert, 10; but was beaten by Juan Cardenas, 10. Emilio de la Rosa beat featherweight Cesar Morales, 10. Raul Leanos kayoed Ramon Sosa, 7, and beat Joe Chamaco, 10.

Rudy Coronado kayoed Mario DeLeon, 10. Luis Castillo whipped Johncito Rodriguez, 10, Rodriguez boxed a no contest with flyweight Ramon Cruz, 5; while Castillo lost to featherweight Trini Ruiz, 10. Emile Delplanque decisioned Walter Limbach, 8. Carlos Cardoso stopped Babe Ruiz, 8.

Frisco Concepcion defeated Ben Dayrit, 10. Mike Cruz beat Roque Fernandez, 10. Jóe Medel kayoed Tony Alamillo, 2, and Fili Maya, 1. Lazaro Uribe and Joe Quijano drew, 8. Lazaro then lost to Nacho Escalante, 10, while Nacho was stopped by flyweight Memo Diez, 6.

Engodo de Campeche beat Luis Miranda, 8, but was stopped by Zurdo Sanchez, 5, Zurdo also kayoed Tony Salazar, 2. Juancito Lopez bested Urbano Velazquez, 10; Lopez lost to flyweight Negrito Medina, 10, and Urbano lost to Nando Carvajal, 8.

Joe Canto and Cubanito Gonzalez drew, 8; Gonzalez then beat Chucho Hernandez, 10. Manolito Kid won oved Humberto Diaz Llerandi, 8, but lost to Miguel Lazu, 8. Chuy Rodriguez defeated Gilardo Bacho, 10, and Eddie Luna, 10. Bacho beat Roberta Garcia, 10.

Baby Navarro whipped Cheto Fernandez, 10. Luis Gutierrez stopped Panchito Silva, 2. Rudy Alcantara drew with Mario Manuel, 8, and kayoed Roland Lauricio, 1.

Chico Argaez beat Baby Martin, 6, and kayoed Zurdo Castillo, 3. Toto Padilla won from Javier Garfias, 10.

Manuel Rojas drew with Nacho Paredes, 8. Roy Compio beat Baby Ross, 8.

FLYWEIGHTS

Dick Currie won the Scottish title by outpointing Jimmy Quinn, 2.

Memo Diez won from Danny Kid, 10; and stopped bantamweight Nacho Escalante, 6. Oscar Suarez was kayoed by bantamweight Ricardo Moreno, 2.

Cliff Eskridge kayoed Steve Marshall, 5; and Johnnie Thomas, 3. Pat Supple kayoed Claude Bonin, 6. Mario DeLeon was stopped by bantamweight Rudy Coronado, 10.

Lefty Iwamoto won the Japanese title by defeating Speedy Akira, 10. Ramon Cruz and bantamweight Johncito Rodriguez fought a no contest, 5.

Negrito Medina whipped bantamweight Juancito Lopez, 10. Ramon Calatayud defeated Rodolfo Ampudia, 10, and Nicolas Ascanio, 8.

Manuel Alcala defeated Chino de San Francisco, 6. Jorge Correa beat Ray Valadez, 6; and kayoed Baby Vazquez, 6.

ITALIANS MAKE RING HISTORY

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pion of the world three times in two classes. A strong case, it must be admitted.

The passing years are thinning the ranks of the worshippers of Johnny Dundee, but in his heyday there were none more devoted or fervent. There has never been a boxing idol among Italian-Americans quite like the little New Yorker with the Scotch name, which has become Italian due to its adoption by so many idolizers of the original, such as boxers, Joe, Vince and Mike, and promoters Chris and Angelo.

That Rocky Graziano is a man of considerable wealth today pleases those who know him no end. The magnetic Graziano has had few equals as an attraction. Much of this was due to a basic decency and kindness which surmounted a rugged early environment, and has gained him the well wishes of all. One of the most spectacular fighters of all time the customers could never get enough of Rocky which accounts for the record setting crowds and receipts he drew while he was active in the ring.

If for no other reason than he had sense enough to keep most of his ring earnings intact, even though getting his crack at big money late in his career, Jake LaMotta rates an accolade. But Jake had a lot more going for him than his thriftiness. There never was a tougher middleweight.

There are diehards who dispute Willie Pep's rating as the most expert of the Italian boxers in favor of Sammy Mandell, the old "Rockford Sheik" who really was a master of the art of self defense. For pure skill neither Mandell or Pep had much on Tippy Larkin, the "Garfield Ghost" who boxed like one but unhappily vanished into thin air when tagged solidly.

While on the subject of skill, up around Boston they insist there never was a boxer with more finesse than Johnny Indresano.

Frankie Genaro was a wee wizard in his prime. The former flyweight king buzzed about the ring like a little mosquito, here, there and everywhere, spraying his opponents with punches from all angles.

Billy Petrolle was one of the most colorful fighters of them all. Bettina and Young Corbett 3rd were among the best southpaws, and Fred Apostoli was a big Canzoneri for all around ability. Many consider Pete Herman the greatest of all bantamweights.

Nor has Sunny Italy itself been laggard in producing pugilists of top rating, in the best traditions of the old Roman gladiators. Mario D'Agata and Duilio Loi, both native borns, are ranking world title contenders today, and in former years Cleto Locatelli, Enrico and Vittorio Venturi, Livio and Aldo Minelli, Saverio Turiello, Tiberio Mitri, and Aldo Spoldi come to mind as title contenders who campaigned all over the world, even as Italo Scortichini is doing now. French-Italian Kid Francis and British-Italian Alf Mancini, were capable warriors a generation ago. Back in the Twenties, an invasion of Italian giants descended upon the States. Most celebrated of these was Primo Carnera, who wound up world's champion, and who had as contemporaries such mastodons as Ricardo Bertazolla, Roberto Roberti, Arthur DeKuh, and Salvatore Ruggierello. Most of these had nothing but size to recommend them.

The first native Italian fighter of note was Eminio Spalla, who astounded everyone by winning the Inter-allied army championships following World War 1 and who didn't do too badly against Gene Tunney in a U. S. showing back in 1924. Today Francesco Cavicchi is Italy's heavyweight hope.

Italians have written a bright page in boxing history and no individual has reflected any more lustre upon his profession than recently retired Rocky Marciano.

Marciano's recent action in having little down-on-his-luck Beau Jack as his dinner guest in an exclusive Miami Beach hotel, is typical of him. Modest to the extreme, considerate and courteous to all, always tactful and discreet, a devoted family man with exemplary personal habits, he never had anything but praise and kind words for any opponent. Rocky was a champion whose outside the ring performances were fully worthy of his undefeated record.

AND—NOT FOR PAY

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bouts aggravated the rivalry. It flared into a bitter feud, and any time they happened within reaching distance of each other, a brawl became inevitable. The climax was reached in Newark in 1916 when they were having it out on a street corner. The police moved in and hauled the embattled rivals to jail. Held in $1,000 bail each, they were released when they promised the judge they'd never tangle again. They didn't, but for years they refused to speak. The "cold war" ended when Sieger, blind and crippled, was confined to a hospital. Nelson, a tavern owner in Jersey City, became a constant visitor, bringing cigars and candy, and it was reported that when Sieger died in 1953, Frankie paid the funeral bill.

NEWS FROM CUBA

By Dr. Jorge A. Vieites

SANTA CLARA: AT THE LOCAL SPORTS ARENA, RENÉ (BABY COCHET) AVELLÉ, 133¼, took a 12 round decision from lightweight champion, Fernando Silva, 133, and along with that victory went Silva's title.

▶ Havana, Cuba light-heavy king, Julio Carreras, 160½, won a close tenner from Italo-American Fernando Spallota, 161.—Chorín Zladívar, 127½, won a close, fast eighter from Bernarodo (Baby) Rosales, 127¼.—Tao Menéndez, 133, stopped Félix García, 135, in two.—Manolito Kid, 117, won in eight from Humberto Díaz Llerandi, 117 and ¾ pounds.—and "Taco-Taco" Robinson, 131¾, won in four from Inocente Cartas.

▶ Havana—Veteran former lightweight champion of the Island, Rafael Lastre scored his third straight win in his comeback attempt. A nine round kayo over Orlando González.

Armando López, 137½, won a tenner from Armando Baragaño, 133¼.

J. R. Flores, 142, stopped Armando Martínez, 140, in four.—

Johnny Sarduy, a very promising bantam (17 years old), 117, won in fine fashion from Benigno Almaguer, 117½.—Manolo Acosta, 126½,won also in 4 from Manuel Machado.

▶ Havana—Gus Acosta, 153, stopped Rufino Sardiñas, 153, in 10.—Tato Menéndez, 134, won in 10 from Mexican José Argüelles, 137.—Miguel Lazú, 118, won in eight from Manuel (Manolito Kid) Mosquera, 115¼; José Oliva, 116½, won in 4 from Eddie Botello, 116, and Wilfredo Husrt, 135¼, stopped Jaime Hendrickson, 136 in 3.

▶ Havana—Cuban Jr. Light champion, Orlando (Baby) Echevarría, the hard hitting southpaw lost to Miamiam Rocky Randell, 139, who dropped the Baby in the first, only to find himself on the canvas in the second. In the third he dropped the Islander again, but found himself back on the canvas in the fourth. In this round, Echevarría was again taking a count when the bell ended the episode. After a furious fifth and sixth, in which round the local suffered a badly damaged eye and the M.D. didn't allow him to come out for the 7th.

BOXING IN VENEZUELA

By William Albert

MARACAIBO: BEFORE A CROWD THAT PAID $3,500 in the "Nuevo Circo", Ramon Calatayud, first challenger for the Flyweight Crown here, scored a close decision over Rodolfo Ampudia of Panama in ten. The local fought in great form, winning the opinion of the two judges. Now, Calatayud had 20 triumphs as a professional, and only 3 defeats. Evelio Rios, 142, Maracaibo, halted Raul Tovar, 140, Caracas, in five. Ruben Diaz, 132, was kayoed by Enrique Mitchel, 130, in two rounds. Angel Amaya, 124½, outpointed J. Nelson, 125, in four.

▶ Caracas: Victor Manuel Quijano, 124, of Mexico, demonstrated excellent power, and won over our promising Guillermo "Chicharrita" Medina, 128, in five. The Mexican scored two knockdowns in this fight.

Ramon Calatayud, 112, continued his brilliant-career defeating Nicolas Ascanio, 112, in eight. Cesar Orta, 130, stopped Victor Romero, 132, in 3 rounds. Promising lightweight Isaac Isturiz, 134, halted Ramon Buckjones, 129, in six.

Gate: $3,250.

THE UNSINKABLE ROCK

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Later that night he was being interviewed at his hotel and was asked how he felt as Wolcott lay there at his feet.

"I was thrilled inside and felt as if I would explode—it felt so good. But then I looked at Joe and some of the fun went out of it. It's great to be the winner but it's too bad there always has to be a loser."

Joe Louis wasn't the only man to ever be able to say the right words at the appropriate time.

Rocky defended the title six times. Then, with the field of contenders not too promising, he decided to hang up his gloves. What made him do it? That complete story is told elsewhere in this issue.

The Rock was hungry for the title as was Jack Dempsey, who punched Big Jess Willard into submission in three rounds on the sun-baked shores of Maumee Bay. There are many similarities in the fighting career of the Manassa Mauler and the Brockton Blockbuster. But no matter what they write about Dempsey, the giant killer, Rocky will always stand out above Jack in one point. . . . He is the only heavyweight champion to retire from the ring with an unblemished fighting record.

Even Tunney had been defeated as a light heavyweight by Harry Greb in their first meeting. But Rocky never tasted defeat in his entire professional career.

The closest he ever came to being knocked out was in the only two knockdowns in his career when Walcott dropped him in that first round of their first meeting and when Archie Moore had him down in the second round in Rocky's last title defense in September.

Prior to Rocky, only three heavyweight champions retired while still possessing the crown. Jim Jeffries, back in 1905, but he returned as a "White Hope" in 1910 to be blasted into oblivion at Reno, Nevada by Jack Johnson in the fifteenth round.

LOUIS SHOULD HAVE STAYED OUT IN 1951

Louis retired in 1949 and then went on an exhibition tour that took him through 1950. Then he made the fatal mistake of coming back in 1951 to meet the onrushing Marciano. It took Rocky eight rounds to dispel any hope that Louis might have had of being the first heavyweight champion to regain his title. Gene Tunney has been the only heavyweight champ up to Marciano who has retired and meant it.

Rocky, who will be thirty-three in September, like Tunney, has quit the ring with no new worlds to conquer. Although Gene left the ring primarily for that reason, Rocky has the added incentive of his wife and family who have been pushing him to make his decision. Said Rocky's wife. *"I have been begging him for months to retire, for the good of those who love him, not only for me but for Mary Ann."*

Floyd Patterson, contender for world heavyweight honors, discusses his position in The Ring Ratings with the Managing Editor, Nat Loubet, at the N. Y. State Boxing Commission signing of Patterson's match with Hurricane Jackson as part of the heavyweight elimination tournament.

Like Tunney, Rocky apparently is in a financially solvent situation and, should he remain so, there is little chance of his ever returning to the ring. Only the need for cash would cause this honest guy to go back on his statement to the press.

"Barring poverty," he said, *"I won't be back. The ring has seen the last of me."*

Although Marciano is the only heavyweight champ to ever retire undefeated that feat has been achieved by three other champions in lighter classes: Jack McAuliffe, lightweight champ., and Jimmy Barry and Jimmy Carruthers, both bantamweight crown holders.

But who is this man about whom reams have been written since the announcement of his retirement? What attributes did he possess that gradually gained for him the following of the fans despite the minimizing of his victories by the press after each of his big fights? Was it his way of fighting? Was it his terriffic punching power that allowed him to down forty-three of the forty-nine opponents he faced? Was it his personality?

FIGHTING PRESENTED BEST WAY TO ROCKY'S SECURITY

A combination of each. Rocky is a simple, good-natured man to whom fighting professionally was the best way he figured to gain financial security. When he sat facing several dozen newspapermen and cameras on the occasion of his retirement, he was asked, *"Rocky, what will you miss most besides the big money now that you have hung up your gloves?"*

"I'll miss the actual fighting," he quickly replied. And in his hotel quarters a short time later, he elaborated.

'I meant no harm, and never did, when I faced a guy in the ring. But there's something about fighting that makes you feel you've accomplished something big." And he pointed to the region of his heart. *"When you step back and see the other guy go down there's a real thrill . . . the thrill that goes with knowing you're the best in anything. That's what I'll miss when I sit at ringside and see the other guy do what I've been doing but will never do again."* He self-consciously whipped a tear away, a big man finishing a big moment in his life.

The man who revived boxing after the retirement of Louis, Marciano brought into the ring a rare attribute among boxers—geniality, honesty and clean sportsmanship that earned for him the sincere respect and admiration of fight followers in all corners of the world. He left his profession with a reputation for decency and integrity that are badly needed in this era of national investigations and wholesale attacks against the professional boxer.

In discussing what boxing had done for him he weighed his words carefully: *"It has done for me what nothing else could. I have met people whom the average man never gets to talk to, I've been able to set aside some dough so that my Mom and Dad won't have to worry and I've enough for myself too,"* he added with a smile. *"Boxing owes me nothing but I owe boxing a debt I can never repay."*

BOXING BITS FROM SINGAPORE

By Little Nene

APPROXIMATELY 7,000 BOXING FANS WATCHED A DISAPPOINTING MAIN EVENT at the local stadium. Promoted by Mr. Lee See Pin, proceeds to be donated to the S. O. S. C. Fund (Singapore Olympic Sports Council), DEAVIN 'KILLER HAYES', who claimed to be 32 years old, but was actually 46 when his passport (USA) was inspected, went down for the full count after Isimeli Radrodro, Orient heavyweight champion, threw in his first gun, during the first round of scheduled 12 round Orient Heavyweight Title fight.

Killer Hayes weighed 241, while Radrodro tipped the scale at 191 lbs. After the fight, despite the booing of the crowd, a silver trophy donated by Mr. Arnold F. Thorne, a local barrister, was donated to the winner.

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TV FAVORITES

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title fight went to Murphy instead.

Hurley almost made a mistake in his campaign to get Matthews a fight with Rocky Marciano, then a rising young heavyweight. Beating Murphy wasn't enough. With a well cultivated string of 10 straight kayoes, Matthews opposed Danny Nardico in Cleveland and on TV. What we saw on the screen was not a destructive puncher. The aggressive Nardico forced Matthews to give ground continually.

MATTHEWS' BUBBLE BURST QUICKLY AGAINST ROCKY

In the end Matthews got the decision, and that was enough. He did little or no training for Marciano, as Hurley protested New York in the summer was too hot. He could have taken him to a training camp, but Jack figured the fewer to see his fighter the better for the gate.

Matthews lasted into the second round with Rocky, who was only a fight away from the world heavyweight title. In his next start Marciano knocked out Jersey Joe Walcott in the thirteenth round.

What about Rocky, who has retired undefeated world heavyweight champion? He never tasted defeat, winning all 49 fights he engaged. You might conclude he didn't need a build-up, but you could be wrong. Rocky had to be taught, and eight of his first 10 fights were in Providence, R. I. There he received little money, but a world of experience.

Al Weill, doubling as Marciano's manager and matchmaker for the International Boxing Club, was in a position to see that the Rock wasn't rushed. His TV career was brief, including Garden fights with Roland LaStarza, Rex Layne and Joe Louis at Madison Square Garden. He looked bad in Philadelphia and on television fighting Lee Savold. That one almost ruined him, and after he had given Walcott a return bout in Chicago, Rocky was through with home video.

Most youngsters arrive on TV without the necessary experience. They have to eat, and only clubs with TV programs run regularly. There are a few in the far west—Archie Moore has been able to discover towns in which to perform—and others in Texas.

On the whole, the build-up—from preliminary boy to champion—takes place in front of the TV camera. One fight, such as Speiser's two round knockout of Paddy Young, and a star is born. The star can fall just as quickly, as Young must know, but the build-up goes on and on.

Take Chico Vejar, another collegian—he is a student at New York University—was one of video's darlings. He never made it big, losing the crucial ones, but in between setbacks he would run up a long string of victories.

Vejar was beaten by Davey, and then knocked out by Davey. This was at a time when TV fans were convinced Chuck was the greatest, as Jackie Gleason would say. A hitch in the Army was interrupted by an airplane crack-up, but Vejar came back to win some more. Then he was knocked out in a round by Tony DeMarco, ex-welterweight champion.

IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG TO EXPOSE JIMMY FLOOD

Jimmy Flood, a rough kid, and nothing more, was exposed in a single TV appearance. His long build-up exploded in his face when he fought Charley Fusari at the Garden. Charley played with him, and everybody tuned in became aware Jimmy didn't have what is needed to make a first class fighting man.

In the good old days Flood might have survived the setback. During the prohibition era Primo Carnera went from town to town scoring 17 straight knockouts before winning from George Godfrey on a foul. He was in the United States a year before losing to Jim Maloney in Boston. This setback was quickly reversed in Miami.

Da Preem continued all the way to the world heavyweight championship, to bring what was the greatest build-up of all time to a logical conclusion. This couldn't happen today. Where would a manager find as many as 17 heavyweights for his protege to knock over? And if he did where would he find enough towns to make the act profitable? The Carnera type of build-up went out with prohibition.

Remember Tuffy Griffith? He had beaten everybody west of the Hudson until he ran into James J. Braddock. Jersey Jim unloaded his right on Griffith's chin in the second round, and the build-up was over.

Then there was Johnny Paychek, a pitiful figure when in the ring with Joe Louis.

The build-up is all right, if the fighter has it, and is brought along step by step against opponents of equal talent. Then it pays off. If the build-up is phoney, and the opponents crumble on signal it is useless. Champions, real champions, aren't made that way.

IN SYRACUSE RINGS
By Billy Shaw

IT WAS A DISAPPOINTING FIGHT, BUT FEW RING-SIDE patrons agreed with the official verdict that gave Isaac Logart the decision over Joe Miceli, after 10 futile rounds in the War Memorial Auditorium. A crowd of less than 2,000 turned out, paying $4,217.50 to be on the battle site for the nationally televised contest. Logart showed little of the quality needed to become a No. 3 ranked fighter in the welter division.

Joe took most of the early rounds, during which Logart did not appear to be able to land anything in the way of a punch, or get away from Miceli's wild swings. Ike got started in the seventh and from there in was able to whack Miceli enough in the midsector to slow him down.

A splendid card of preliminaries kept the fans in good humor. Muscular George Kartalian, Greek-Armenian light-heavyweight, is still undefeated. The former collegiate boxing champ earned a draw with seasoned Bob Biehler, 183, Rochester, in a very interesting six round semi-final. Big Bob landed some damaging blows but George was right in there shelling at the finish. Eddie Reynolds, hard-hitting Syracuse youngster, 144, knocked out Jesse Bouie, New York, 143, in 10 seconds of the first round.

Jimmy DiMura, 131, stocky Syracuse slugger, who always pleases the fans because of his aggressive tactics, beat Charley McGarrity, 127, New York, in a fast six round battle. Tony DeCola, 140½, outpointed Eddie James, 140, Buffalo, in six rounds.

▶ Looming on the horizon is a heavyweight brawl here between George Kartalian and Mike DeJohn.

▶ Ex-welter boss Carmen Basilio is training at the Main street gym and looks fit and ready for a return with Johnny Saxton right now . . . Referee Joe Palmer, who handled the Logart-Miceli bout, is now doing roadwork and gym drills . . . "What for?", we asked. "Got to speed up", was Joe's reply. "I was a little slow in the fight, pal saw it on TV and told me." Donnie Hamilton, crack local amateur lightweight, is undefeated in A.A.U. competition.

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By Hugh Shannon

BIG MIKE DE JOHN, 198, OF SYRACUSE PROVED THAT HE CAN PUNCH when he knocked out Roy Bullock, 186½, of Freeport, N. Y., in the second round of their scheduled 10 rounder in Memorial Auditorium. Big Mike is the largest and heaviest of the fighting De John brothers.

The Niagara Frontier Athletic club, Buffalo's newest fight club, again lost money on the De-John-Bullock show. Some 1,237 fans paid a total of $2,250 to see the fights.

Buddy Jackson, 141½, Springville, won a deserved decision over Harold (Baby Face) Johnes, 149½, Detroit. The fight was an eight rounder.

Stan Fitzgerald, 137, Buffalo, former National AAU champion, won over Mike Pinelli, 141½, Buffalo, six-round decision.

Cal Hall, 150, Buffalo, lost his professional debut to Lee Owens, 159½, Syracuse.

Lou Civaglia, 130, Niagara Falls, and George Murray, 131½, Rochester, fought a lively four-round draw in the opener.

▶ HERE AND THERE—Pedro Martinez is doing well with his Friday night wrestling shows . . . Martinez bought out Ed Don George last September and has introduced many new faces since then . . . George is now living in California . . . Jack Herman, also a former Buffalo promoter lives in Glendale—the home of Casey Stengel of the New York Yankees . . . Bert Finch, the dean of Buffalo fight manager is 72 . . .

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Two members of Sgt. Mullins' team are Pfc. Chester L. Ballenger of Muscatine, Iowa, Heavy Mortar Company, 16th Infantry Regiment, who won the welterweight title, and Private James E. King of Richmond, Calif., Battery A, 48th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, middleweight champion, accompanied Mullins to Chicago.

Mullins was named coach of Fort Riley and the Golden Gloves squad after he guided eight Riley fighters into the finals and produced two champions.

The show treated the capacity crowd to everything one can expect when novices get together in the ring.

In what started out to be the best bout of the evening, Private James Ahlman, Battery A, 48th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion, and Private Elton Robbins, Company B, 701st Ordnance Battalion, showed class as they jabbed, hooked and crossed each other throughout the first round.

Ahlman came out hard and fast in the second and drew blood from Robbins' nose with his first punch. Continuing a flurry of rights and lefts, the bout ended at 37-seconds of the second round with Ahlman winning by a TKO.

Private LeRoy Thompson, Battery A, 7th Field Artillery Battalion, evened the score with Private First Class James Barton, Heavy Mortar Company, 18th Infantry, when he decisioned him after three rounds of rough and tumble tactics.

Top crowd pleaser of the night came when a young Chaplain's assistant, Private Charles Velte, Headquarters Company, 16th Infantry, decisioned Private George Phelps, Company G, 26th Infantry. Velte was staggered with less than one minute gone in the first round.

Before the final bell, both boys had been wobbled by hard, clean punches and at the end, stood toe to toe trying to land the Sunday punch.

The only clean knockout of the evening resulted when Private First Class Dick Bergh, Service Company, 16th Infantry, caught Private Claudell Jenkins, Service Battery, 32d Field Artillery Battalion, with a hard right cross at 1:36 of the first round and Jenkins took the full count under the ropes. Bergh had been staggered by Jenkins just moments before the finish came.

In other bouts, Specialist Third Class David Olquin, Company K, 16th Infantry, decisioned Private Leonard Vann, Battery A, 5th Field Artillery Battalion; Corporal Philip Lopez, Company A, 16th Infantry, decisioned Private First Class George Summerlin, Company L, 26th Infantry; Private Arthur Hayward, Company C, 16th Infantry, decisioned Private Howard Hendrickson, Company B, 701st Ordnance Battalion; Specialist Third Class Dennis O'Neil, Service Company, 16th Infantry, decisioned Private Johnnie Ivey, Battery B, 5th Field Artillery; Private Richard Beavers, Battery A, 7th Field Artillery, decisioned Private Andrea Aversa, Company E, 18th Infantry; Private First Class James Franco, Company L, 18th Infantry, decisioned Specialist Second Class Charles Sykes, Medical Company, 26th Infantry; Private Gilbert Garcia, Service Company, 26th Infantry, decisioned Private Charles Knight, Battery A, 5th Field Artillery.

NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS
By Lew Eskin

RAMBLING AROUND: MOST OF THE BOXING NEWS IN JERSEY the past month came from the amateur ranks with the New Jersey A.A.U. championships in Paterson and the first annual Hudson County Novice championships held in Union City under the direction of Commissioner Al Bundies and Chief Clerk Jimmy Colotto.

Bayonne's Johnny Digilio made a fine showing in Miami Beach although he dropped the decision to Number Two lightweight Ralph Dupas. Both middleweight Ernie Durando of Bayonne and heavyweight Charley Norkus of Jersey City have been training hard for comeback bouts and will soon be back in action. Paterson's James J. Parker scored an impressive victory by kayoing German Heinz Neuhaus.

▶ Paterson Armory: Paolo Rosi, 138¾, formerly of Italy and now living in the Bronx, boxed his way to an easy eight round verdict over Sal DiGuardia, 141, also from the Bronx, in the featured eight round. Sal, a last minute sub for injured Johnny Digilio, made a game stand but was outgunned by the flashy Rosi who won every round.

In the semi-final spot Ray Apollo, 147½, Clifton outscored Bert DeWitt, 143, Paterson, in a good four round brawl; Stefan Redl, 144½, Passaic, an amateur champion in Germany, stopped Wilmer Bonney, 151 Easton, Pa., in 0:40 of the first heat; Jackie Castellani, 139, Hillside, made an impressive pro debut by outboxing Bob Richter, 133, Pottsville, Pa. 4; Sal Reo, 160, Bayonne, scored two knockdowns as he halted Charley Minsky, 153, Easton, Pa., in 0:40 of the fourth. Sal is a protege of Gus Lesnevich.

World Middleweight champion Ray Robinson boxed six exhibition rounds, two each with Ricardo King, and twins J. C. and Lee Williams. Sugar Ray traveled at a fast pace and looked in good shape for his fight with Bobo Olson.

A crowd of 2,300 paid $5,125, the smallest crowd that the shows of the Duva boys have drawn.

BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By Ted Yamachika

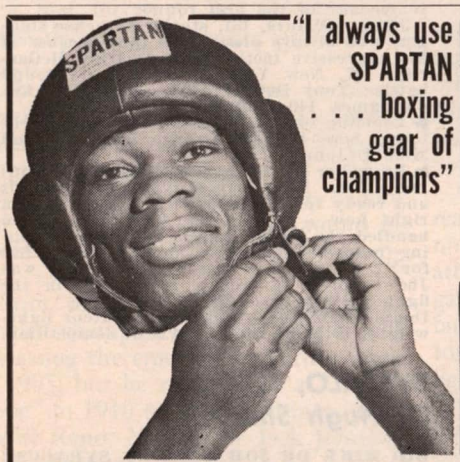
DAVE JOHNSON, 144¼, YOUNG SAN FRANCISCO WELTERWEIGHT, proved a surprise package, handily outboxed Honolulu's Stan Harrington, 146½, in a ten round fight held at the Civic Auditorium. The official verdict was a split decision as one judge called the fight a draw, but it was easily Johnson's fight all the way and the sports writers agreed unanimously.

Johnson started out fast, copped the first three rounds and piled up a big lead which he never relinquished. He landed several good blows in these rounds to turn slugger Harrington into a counter-puncher, a role the local fighter was ill fitted for.

Johnson was credited with all the rounds from the fifth on until the final round. He was fast, boxed extremely well and never once was in distress. Even Harrington's belated rally in the tenth when he landed his hardest blows failed to slow the Frisco fighter.

Gross gate receipts amounted to $6,668.50 for the fight card which was promoted by the Boxing Enterprises, Ltd.

Dan Santiago, 135½, decisioned Mike Ines, 136, 4 rds. Josiah Lii, 133¼, TKO'd William Avilla, 137½, in the second of four. Steve Takano, 132¾, beat Felix Aciro, 132¾, 4 rds.



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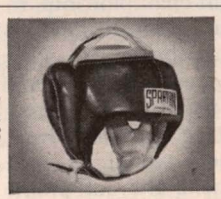

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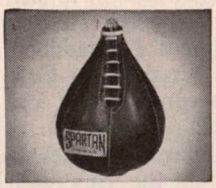

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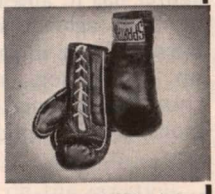

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MANY HUNGRY FIGHTERS GET THE BUSINESS

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and Benny Leonard, the great lightweight champion, had one on West 72nd Street, also in New York.

Around 1945 Joe Louis had a place on 125 Street and Fifth Avenue in the Big City and soon after Ray Robinson opened a bar on 124 Street and Seventh Avenue.

Taking a quick Cook's tour of the world and making a few stops at the hotels, restaurants and bars owned, in the past and at the present, by fighters we find Georges Carpentier's night club in Paris; Dan Creedon's saloon in Ballyrath, near Melbourne, Australia; Billy Plimmer's pub in Birmingham, England; Joe Bowker's restaurant in Leeds, England; and Australian heavyweight champion Bill Lang's saloon and hotel in Melbourne.

Jimmy Carruthers, the little Australian who held the world bantamweight championship and retired a couple of years ago with $70,000 in his kick when his eyes were going bad, went into the hotel and pub business and is fighting to make a living, as the newspapers recently told.

Tony Galento's beer emporium in Orange, N. J., became popular if for the reason alone to see how much beer Two-Ton could guzzle, how many cigars he could go through and whether he might surprise by coming out with more than one opinion of any heavyweight.

Jersey Joe Walcott is supposed to be associated with the "Sugar Hill" tavern in Newark, which is owned by fight manager Vic Marsillo. And Freddie Fiducia, the heavyweight of a few years back, went from owning an ice cream parlor to owning a bar in Newark. Charley Fusari also was a one-time tavern keeper in Newark, Steve Belloise works in the "Hi-Hat" bar and restaurant in uptown New York. One-time welter champ Freddie (Red) Cochrane's family owned a place in Hillside, N. J., but he tends bar in Basking Ridge, N. J.

Others are Kayo Morgan, the old bantamweight, who has a restaurant on Capitol Square in Detroit with his manager, Harry Baxter, and Lew Tendler's famous restaurant in Philadelphia.

Ernie Durando and Joe Curcio owned the same bar in Jersey City, though not at the same time. Allie Stolz was proprietor of several drinking emporiums in Newark and Irvington, N. J. Cowboy Joe Lucignano tends bar in his place in Hoboken. Al Reid is a bar owner in the Harlem district in New York. Charlie Weinert, the old heavyweight, has a tavern in Newark, and Bobby Brady owns one in Jersey City.

Frankie Burns and Patsy Kline own restaurants and taverns in Jersey City and Newark. Mike Raffa, one-time featherweight contender, had a tavern in Newell, W. Va., and the last time we saw Vic Burrone we have a hazy recollection of his being behind a stick, as was Tony Janiro, at the Neutral Corner on Eighth Avenue in New York, then owned by fight managers, Chickie Bogad and Frankie Jay.

Tom McMahon, the oldtime heavyweight who had the best of a no decision bout with Jess Willard, tended bar in a number of places in Cleveland and his hometown, New Castle, Pa. Dating all the way back, Eddie Hanlon had a cafe in San Francisco, Willie Fitzgerald had a saloon in South Brooklyn, Willie Lewis and Tom Sharkey had places on 14th Street in New York, Jack Johnson for a short while had a night club on Broadway in New York, Pete Herman owns a night club in New Orleans, Jim Jeffries owned a saloon in Los Angeles, and in the early 1800's Bill Richmond, the American Negro who fought in England, owned a pub over there.

Primo Carnera, one-time world heavyweight champion who went back to his first love, wrestling, and found her less demanding and more appreciative, a couple of months ago opened a restaurant in Los Angeles. In the case of this giant, it's got to be a money-making proposition. If he pays for his own meals the joint has to operate on a profit.

Oddly enough, the combination of "Greek" and "fighter" doesn't make a sure-fire bet for "eatery." So far we have not been able to trace whether Anton Christoforidis, N. B. A. light heavyweight champion in the late 1930's, ever owned a restaurant and what evidence we have indicates he didn't.

Which makes us feel better because we like to stump the psychologists sometimes and they surely will be in a dither trying to figure that one out. That is, until the next mail when we will probably have a note from Anton inviting us down for a cupa coffee and a piece of stromberry pie.

FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By Felipe J. C. Galang

Larry Bataan, former bantam and featherweight champion of the Philippines and Oriental Featherweight titleholder, is now in Los Angeles under the management of the Manila Post 464 of the American Legion. During the reign of Larry in the bantamweight division, the Chairman of the GAB stripped him of his title when no challenger dared to meet him after a lapsed of six months allocated for the champion. During that time Larry beat Tanny Campo, Leo Espinosa and Chamrer Songkitrat of Thailand. When he was the featherweight champion of the Philippines, Flash Elorde was badly outpointed by Bataan in 12 rounds. Bonnie Espinosa and Speed Cabanela was the victims of Larry until the GAB stripped him of his title without a challenger.

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▶ Emil Bill Tinde, 125¾, and featherweight champion of the Philippines, successfully defended his crown by beating Jackie Trillana, 122 in a 12 round main event at the Rizal Open arena under the promotion of Captain Martin Dinio of the Philippine Constabulary for their gymnasium. Trillana sustained a swollen left eye and a busted nose after the bout. In the first meeting of these two boys the bout ended in a controversal draw and majority and the press believed that Trillana won.

▶ Steven Tony, 147 became the newly crowned welterweight champion of the Philippines by beating Star Gony, 137 and welter king, after 12 rounds. Gony was leading by a wide margin in the first rounds but Tony copped the last rounds with heavy fisted attact to the face and body which weakened Gony. The star baby received a cut over the right eye in the 8th round. Baby Gony 130, won over S. S. Somkiat, 127, of Thailand in 10 rounds. Dommy Ursuwa, 118, lost to Ross Padilla, 115 in another 10 rounder. Larry Pineda, 111 stopped Blackie Robinson, 107 in the second round. Pee Wee Vasquez, 120 decisioned Avenger Jr., 122 in the 6 round curtain raiser.

▶ Gon Francisco, 115, defeated Marion Manuel, 114, in 6 rounds in San Isadro, Nueva Ecjja. Small Genio, 116, won over Young Aquino, 118, in the 6 round semi final. Young Cezar, 132, kayoed Star Peter, 136, in the 3rd round.

▶ Roy Compio, 117, of Al Kessel stable defeated Baby Ross, 117, in 8 rounds in Lucena, Quezon province. Joe Cruz, 117, kayoed Joe Zamora, 115, in the very 1st round. Young Carding, 117, halted Young Burner, 120, in the 4th round.

▶ Nestor Roy Sison, 107, decisioned Little Raytranco, 110, in 8 rounds in Candon, Ilocos Sur. Baby Gambol, 116, stopped Siga Siga Boy, 118, in the 6th round. Little Duarte, 108 kayoed Rocky Cansino, 110, in the 4th round.

▶ Rocky Dado, 130, decisioned Kid Tony, 134, and lightweight champion of Northern Luzon in 8 rounds in San Fernando, La Union. Raytranco Kid, 110, defeated Nestor Roy Sison, 107, in another 8 rounder. Romeo Gonzales, 116, knocked out Fighting Letchiria, 118, in the 2nd round.

▶ Dommy Roxas, 140, badly outpointed Star Matnog, 139, in 10 rounds in Davao City. Vic Fuentes, 126, won over Little Dencio, 125, in the supporting 10 round main event.

▶ Rudy Alcantara, 116, drew with Mario Manuel, 114, in 8 rounds in Agoo, La Union. Baby Cezar, 112, kayoed Fighting Litcheria, 112, in the 1st round. Pedy Rualo, 123, stopped Young Austria, 125, in the 4th round.

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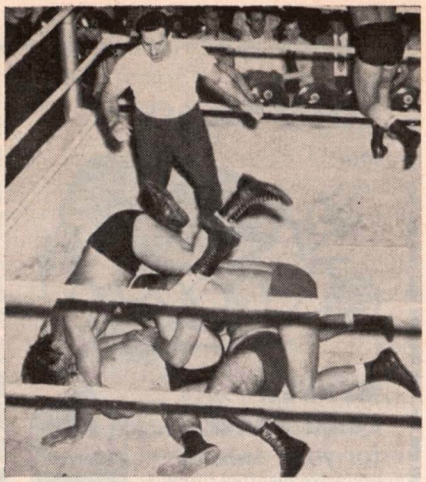

Who's Who. An informal photo of Steve Karas, Billy Fox, Ali Pasha and Jim LaRock during a tag team match.

NEWS OF THE THE MAT WORLD

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Lovely Lita Milan adds the feminine touch to the stirring full color feature that tells the true story of early American strife, through the eyes of the Indian.

Don took his position before the cameras with the same ease that fans have witnessed when he enters the ring and his performance was as smooth as his execution of the famed "Indian Death Lock".

Don travels the wrestling circuit in a red Lincoln, with his silver canoe on top, ready for the many fishing jaunts, skin diving and water sports for which he has become equally famous.

Empire's location for "Osceola" was in the heart of Central Florida's unspoiled wonderland of nature, where men of the outdoors find wildlife almost as it was in the days of the great Seminole leader. Don Eagle quickly unloaded his canoe and headquartered it within the walls of "Ft. King", a replica of the original Army headquarters.

The two wrestlers operated at a blistering pace during production. While other actors spent evenings relaxing or going over the script, Don and Billy returned to the ring to face some of matdom's toughest competition.

How do you transform a Mohawk into a Seminole? This was the problem of Dr. Franz Lizt, noted New York makeup man, whose skill makes the color film sparkle with realism.

In a scant forty minutes Don Eagle was pronounced ready for the camera, resplendent in a colorful Seminole costume and a life-like wig that covered his famous haircut.

The war paint was authentic too. As Don told stories of Indian tribes and customs, Dr. Lizt translated them into meaningful signs and symbols in savage Seminole Colors.

One of the most spectacular scenes in the picture is the coronation ceremony, in which the leadership of the Seminole Nation is passed from old and sickly "Micanopah" to "Osceola". The highlight of the ceremony comes when inspired warriors are led in a celebration dance by Don Eagle and Billy Two-Rivers.

From the dance to the dastardly massacre of "Major Dade", Don and his wrestling protege contribute greatly to a film that has aroused interest of the entire industry.

Written by Frank Slaughter, "Osceola" was produced by Florida's Empire Studios and is scheduled for national release this summer.

"WILD BILL" SAVAGE

BORN William Savage at Joliet, Illinois, on September 28, 1930, Bill has finally landed among the top attractions as a professional grappler. The blue eyed, blond-haired handsome lad has a background in athletics that includes football and swimming.

His reflexes are among the best as reflected in his service in the Navy where he played fullback on a service team, was a lifeguard and was a rate-airman.

He started his mat career while at Joliet High School where he won the state championship for four straight years. He went on to become the AAU champ, a Navy Service Champ, YMCA champ and as a pro holds a version of the Junior Heavyweight title.

Savage entered the University of Illinois after graduation from high school but was called into the service after only one year.

He was married in 1952 at Joliet to "Betty" climaxing a teen age romance Both he and his wife appreciate popular and semi-classical music and like swimming and dancing.

Both enjoy horseback riding and their song is, "The Moon Was Yellow."

Bill likes to read sea adventure stories, his favorite actor is Marlon Brando, actress Anita Ekberg. His choice of singers runs to Bill Farrell, Peggy Lee, Patti Page and his best friends among the wrestling fraternity are Buddy Rogers and Michele Leone.

If you ever have him to dinner . . . no pastry and a nice thick steak will hit the spot.

WRESTLING FAN POLL

Men

1: Lou Thesz
2: Verne Gagne
3: Whipper Watson
4: Pat O'Connor
5: Antonino Rocca
6: Leo Garibaldi
7: Buddy "Nature Boy" Rogers
8: Don Eagle
9: Rocky Valentine
10: Prof. Roy Shire

Women

1: June Byers
2: Carol Cook
3: Nell Stewart
4: Gloria Barattini
5: Mary Jane Mull
6: Mildred Burke
7: Penny Banner
8: Terry Majors
9: Ella Waldek
10: Ada Ash

Have you a favorite? Write in and let us know who she or he is. These are your ratings and reflect your votes.

FAN CLUB CORNER

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THE WRESTLING WORLD by ED BRIGGS

HUNGARIAN SANDOR KOVACS made his first West Coast appearance at the Winterland Arena in San Francisco, defeating Lightning Johnny Swenski. Swenski put on a good battle and was well on the way to victory when Kovacs retaliated, pinning the speedy Boston junior heavyweight for the second fall in their two out of three falls match. Kovacs had previously pinned the veteran Swenski for the first fall. Both matmen are equally good and provided an interesting, action-filled contest.

The only man to beat Lou Thesz since 1948, (up until Thesz' meeting with Bill Watson at Toronto), big Leo Nomellini proved that he was the KING in his northern California territory by dropping Yukon Eric Holmbach of Ketchikan, Alaska at Winterland Arena, San Francisco. . . . Mike and Ben Sharpe, the two powerful brothers from Hamilton, Canada are slated to depart California as this goes to press. The tough Canadians will make a swift tour of Canada, then trek to Hawaii and Japan. The Sharpe boys has a "close call" in Fresno (Calif.), when promoter Al Dermer matched them against flashy Enrique Torres and Yukon Eric. The match ended in a draw. . . . Latin star Rito Romero looked very good on his recent West Coast tour. The ever popular Mexican wrestler is currently headlining cards in

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Hollywood, Los Angeles, Bakersfield and San Diego. . . . Juan Humberto, fresh from a lengthy campaign throughout the USA, surprised everyone by dropping a close match to Sandor Kovacs at Fresno's Memorial Auditorium. . . . Irish Pat Fraley is back on the coast after a tour through Canada and the East Coast. Pat has been a main eventer throughout northern California for the past fifteen years. . . . It was good to see one of our favorite roughies Angelo Cistoldi come out of semi-retirement and tangle with Kansas Joe Blanchard. Although Angelo was on the losing end of the bout, he put on a good show and tried every trick in the Cistoldi book. . . . Ronnie Etchison hopes to get a title shot at Whipper Billy Watson's NWA heavyweight crown. Etchison has come very close to taking the crown, but something has always gone wrong for the popular Missouri bred star. . . . Looking over wrestling records of the individual wrestlers the other day, I ran across the fine record of young Leo Garibaldi. Leo and his poppa Gino teamed up in San Francisco in 1950 and won just about every tag team match that they participated in. Leo should be out of the Air Force now, and I, for one, will be looking forward to seeing Leo and Gino take up where they left off four years ago. . . . TV wrestling announcer Dick Lane of movie fame continues to please wrestling viewers with his exceptional descriptions and commentary of wrestling bouts from the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles. . . . Dave Levin, the Brooklyn "Butcher Boy", now retired, does a great job interviewing various wrestlers on the ten minute interview between bouts for TV. . . . Big Bill Miller, the pride and joy of Columbus, Ohio has invaded the West Coast and is wrestling under the Joe Malcewicz banner. Ditto for Pedro Vargas, Ramon Cernandes and Tosh Togo, (alias Harold Sakata).

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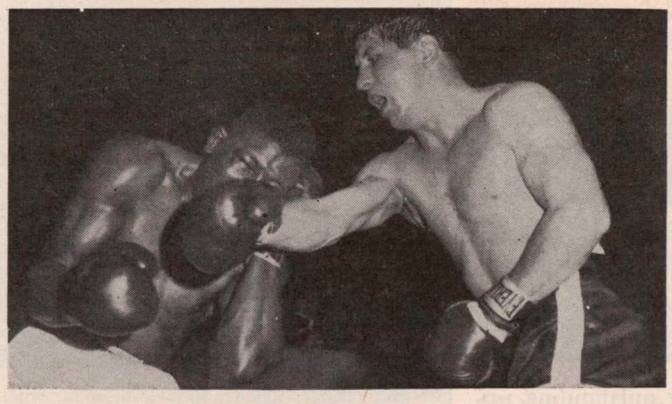
Greatest surprise in coast wrestling circles was the reverse in wrestling tactics employed by talented San Francisco 49'er footballer Leo (The Lion) Nomellini. Leo, long admired by young and old alike for his football playing and also as a prospective pro wrestling star, made an "about-face" in his style of ring maneuvers by reverting to a combination Mike Sharpe-Bill Longson type brawler—far from the old Nomellini that his admirers have paid much money to see. We're sorry to see this great athlete who has the ability to make his mark in two sports at the same time, football and wrestling, change from his scientific style of grappling.

Former heavyweight champion Lou Thesz made a good West Coast tour, dropping all opposition. Agile Lou, who held the NWA title since 1948, and recently dropped it to Billy Watson in Toronto, made quick work out of Johnny (Rocky) Valentine at San Diego's Coliseum arena, and again a short ten days later at Valley Gardens Arena, Los Angeles. Lou is still one of the greatest in modern day grappling, though he isn't the best liked because of his rough tactics. Thesz also took badboy Tom Rice into camp at Hollywood.



A Guy You Can Cotton To. Joey Giardello (right), Philadelphia middleweight, missed with right aimed for head of Charley (King) Cotton, Toledo, Ohio, middleweight, during bout at St. Nicholas Arena, New York. Cotton wrapped up an upset ten rounds victory.

Rito Romero, one of the best Latins to see action in American arenas made a triumphant return to California defeating Giuseppe Diodono and Tom Rice in coast contests.

NEWS FROM WINNIPEG, CANADA BY CY LOUTH

REFEREE BUTCH LEVY of Minneapolis was poked in the kisser and his fellow ref Frenchy Champagne of Winnipeg was hurled across the ring like a sack of oats before the colorful Smith brothers of New York, Al, 240 and John, 237, were finally disqualified at Alex Turk's latest wrestling show at the Winnipeg Auditorium.

This was the second time within a week that the same two referees were manhandled by visiting wrestlers. Previously the mad Russians, Ivan and Karol Kalmikoff were the offenders. They also were disqualified.

Victors over the Smith brothers were stalwarts Paul Baillargeon, 235, the Montreal strong boy and Tim Geohagen, 238, of Dublin, Ireland.

The villainous Smiths took the first fall in 11 minutes when Al vanquished Geohagen with a top spread following a series of reverse neck stretches. The fighting Irishman took only nine minutes to even things up when he applied his famous sleeper hold to John Smith.

From then on, things went haywire. The Smiths, casting the rule book out the window, cleared the ring of all participants, including their opponents and the two referees. After being hurled to the floor, Referee Levy climbed back into the ring just in time to see his partner Frenchy Champagne soaring over the canvas. Butch immediately stopped the bout and raised Baillargeon's and Geohagen's hands in victory. The time was 12.30.

The midgets with Little Beaver, 95, and Pee Wee James, 99, conquering Otto Bowman, 98 and Ivan the Terrible, 97, gave Referee Champagne a rough time. Springing from the top rope of the ring, Little Beaver leaped high in the air, landing on Frenchy's chest. Previously, he had lifted the referee clean off his feet and carried him around the ring.

Champagne, because of his tiny stature, seems to be a target for all wrestlers who feel they should take their vengeance out on somebody.

In the opener, wily old Firpo Zybyszko, 248, Milwaukee, needed only 16.10 minutes to take the measure of Al Warshawsky, 237, of Detroit. He accomplished this with a tremendous knee lift followed by a top spread. Previously, he had softened up his opponent with a series of eye jabs, hair pulls and other unorthodox gestures.

Butch Levy, 250, Minneapolis, who substituted for Pete Managoff, and Big Bill Miller, 265, Fremont, Ohio, battled to a 30-minute draw.

GAMA VERSUS JOE MONTANA BY VINCE SALERNO

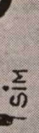
IN an East-versus-West, Joe Montana-versus-Gama bout this writer states that Montana would have won—and won easily too. JOE "The Shooter" MONTANA would have hooked The Great Gama with a crooked headscissors, double wristlock or a boxed toehold and assumed the iconoclast's or idol smasher's role in the history of wrestling.

Montana would have made Gama quit in any ring in the world, any number of times, in a comparatively short period of time. Gama was dubbed as the invincible and impregnable wrestler of all times, his lengendary, rumored, invincibility made its way around the world by the media of the written and spoken word, but he never came to America. Joe Montana, one of the world's greatest living wrestlers, would have upset the legend of Gama's real or imagined invincibility.

• *ED.: There is room for much argument Mr. Salerno.*

EUROPEAN GOSSIP

by Charlie Parish



THERE were few outstanding upsets during the month but a deal of steady progress was shown among younger prospects. Heavyweights took the limelight, with Johansson licking Hans Friedrich and James J. Parker icing Heinz Neuhaus in three. Humez retains his high rating despite his narrow defeat by Tiger Jones in the States whilst Hamia did well to whip Carmelo Costa and Ike Chestnut. From faraway Australia, Annaloro pushes his way back into the line-up by his clear win over Cossemyns and another veteran, Kid Dussart, also scored an upset by outscoring Idrissa Dione in a rather doubtful decision at Liège. Quite a few programs dedicated to young talent were organized in Germany and Italy and new faces are making news in the French provinces. Young Martin's quick kayo defeat in Mexico reflects little credit on European boxing. Two Austrians have left for Canada, Kurt Schiegl and Rudi Kremser, both heavyweights. Schiegl is visiting relatives but may dispute some fights, Kremser is contracted to box around Montreal. Heinten Hoff, now a businessman, is considering a comeback. But now down to details.

▶ **Stockholm, Sweden.** An enthusiastic crowd of 5,000 watched the latest Lion of the North, Ingemar Johansson, hammer his way to victory over the highly-touted German heavyweight, Hans Friedrich. Both men commenced cautiously, then the Swede began to throw across snaking lefts and gradually got the upper hand of Friedrich. He finally had the German more or less at his mercy and in the last two rounds, dropped Friedrich five times. When one considers the recent performances of Friedrich, this utterly convincing victory, although falling short of a knockout win, pitches Johansson into the foremost position in Europe.

In another heavyweight slam, the Belgian, Marcel Limage, came through with a fairly good points victory over game but crude Günther Nürnberg of Germany. Leif Hansen, the smart Norwegian welter, thumped his way to a clear win over the Frenchman, Guy Alicou, and Gunnar Nilsson was forced to retire in the third round of his cruiser slam with Ilde Warusfel, owing to a badly cut eye.

▶ **Limoges, France.** Sauveur Chiocca, classy welter contender, completely outboxed Jean Labalette and appeared to carry his opponent during the final rounds.

▶ **Taranto, Italy.** Two local stars scored over French visitors when blond Umberto Vernaglione decisioned Sigi Jarych in a whirling welter ten and Angelo Brisci bested the hitherto undefeated Czeslaw Matusak in a rugged middles ten.

▶ **At Naples.** Antonio Borraccia, recently returned from the States, iced Ben Zahia of France in the second session of a feathers fray.

▶ **At Vigevano,** Ilario Suvilla stopped Giovanni Ferrari, long absent from competition, in the fifth of a heavyweight brawl.

▶ **Tunis, North Africa.** The visiting Italian middle, Mario Faverzani, came through with a poor showing against Salab ben Fahrat and lost over ten rounds. Simon Carnazza, French flyweight, won over Guidi in another ten-rounder and Aissa licked Carlo Ferrante, French bantam, over eight.

▶ **Milan, Italy.** Emilio Marconi jabbed and clinched his way to a points win over the ring-worn Belgian welter, Camille Milo, in a disappointing ten which reflected little glory on the new European champion. Piero Rollo was far more convincing, battling continually to earn a noteworthy points win over the classy Belgian bantam, Alex Bollaert, likewise in ten. Gino Rossi trimmed Guglielmo Paulon and Aldo Chiesa licked Dante Madella in a couple of middles eights whilst Roberto Conti edged Giorgio Bollato in a welter six.

▶ **Grosseto, Italy.** Sensation here when Nello Barbadoro reconquered the national feather title, whipping the holder, Altidoro Polidori, over twelve rounds. Polidori, like his teammate Marconi, was considered unbeatable in his own bailiwick, but this time remained continually on the defensive and took two counts of "8" from the Trieste battler's noted left hook. Domenico Baccheschi outfought Luciano Raddi in a cruiser eight but was only rewarded with a draw. Another upset occurred at Pavia, when Gaetano De Lucia got the verdict over Annibale Omodei in a lightweight ten. This was an official eliminator and De Lucia now tackles champion Bruno Visintin. Mino De Jasio whipped Mafaldo Rinaldi in a lightie six, Giordano Campari licked Jacques Collomb of France in a feathers eight and Putti nodded Ernesto Ballabio in a welter six.

▶ **Hyeres, France.** Francis Magnetto came across with his famous right several times and Idrissa Diop, the tall Negro from Marseilles, was carried to his corner in the third round. Magnetto thus becomes heavyweight champion of Provence.

▶ **The Paris Central,** Jo Leneun retained his Parisian lightweight title by holding challenger Michel Clavel to a draw after ten rounds. Bednar stopped Lucchetti in the fourth of a middles scrap and André Henryet bested André Surier in a lightie ten.

▶ **Civitacastellana, Italy.** Sergio Caprari, native son, made a successful return after an operation by licking Ilario Tanelli in a fast feathers eight.

▶ **At Milan,** Franco Zagami drew with Luigi Sguaita in a bantam six.

▶ **Narbonne, France.** Emile Vidal, stocky but powerful French heavyweight hope repeated a previous decision over the Spanish champion, José Gonzales, who once more went the full distance of eight rounds.

▶ **At Besancon.** Michel Lombardet did not convince although he was awarded the decision over Claude Lapleige in a welter ten.

▶ **At St. Lo,** Marcel Tirel continued his winning streak by trouncing Constant Alcantara in a middles ten. Alcantara was just back from Venezuela, where he stopped Vincenzio Hawkins in ten.

▶ **Milan, Italy.** The packed crowds at the Ice Palace had little to enthuse over in the performance of Duilio Loi, who won well enough over Manolo Garcia of Spain but failed to impress as a potential rival for World Champ Bud Smith. But Loi has shown again and again that he cannot take moderate opposition seriously. Against Garcia, an honest workman, the Italian champ continually worked openings then moved away without bothering to complete the task. Juan Cardenas, Spanish bantam star, looked good in decisioning the Italian champion, Piero Rollo, over ten and dusky Fernand Nollet, Martinique lightie, outscored Ray Paini over eight rounds. Giordano Campari won over Pietro Scoccimarro in a feathers six.

▶ **Paris. At the Central** Ahcene Attar was awarded the decision over the classy Spanish lightweight, José-Maria Manrique, over ten rounds though the visitor fought well enough to earn a draw.

▶ **At Asnéres,** Robert Prigent licked Moustique Meslem in a feathers ten.

EUROPEAN RATINGS

Month Ending May 21, 1956

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERS	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Ingo Johansson (SW)	Gerhard Hecht (G)	Charles Humez (F)	Emilio Marconi (I)
2. Franco Cavicchi (I)	Hans Stretz (G)	Gustav Scholz (G)	Valere Benedetto (F)
3. Heinz Neuhaus (G)	Willi Hoepner (G)	Tiberio Mitri (I)	Gaetano Garbelli (I)
4. Hans Friedrich (G)	Charles Colin (F)	Germinal Ballarin (F)	Sauveur Chiocca (F)
5. Kurt Schiegl (A)	Aless. D'Ottavio (I)	Franco Festucci (I)	Jacques Prigent (F)
6. Uber Bacilieri (I)	William Besmanoff (G)	Peter Muller (G)	Kid Dussart (B)
7. Marcel Limage (B)	Ahmed Boulgroune (F)	Max Resch (G)	Idrissa Dione (F)
8. Werner Wiegand (G)	Jacques Bro (F)	Leen Jansen (H)	Umberto Vernaglione (I)
9. Antonio Crosia (I)	Horst Niche (G)	Andre Drille (F)	Jacques Herbillon (F)
10. Emile Vidal (F)	Artemio Calzavara (I)	Olle Bengtsson (SW)	Gunther Hase (G)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Duilio Loi (I)	Fred Galiana (S)	Robert Cohen (F)	Young Martin (S)
2. Bruno Visintin (I)	Cherif Hamia (F)	Mario D'Agata (I)	Aristide Pozzali (I)
3. Seraphin Ferrer (F)	Jean Sneyers (B)	Alphonse Halimi (F)	Guy Schatt (F)
4. Hoacine Khalfi (F)	Ray Famechon (F)	Jean Renard (B)	Henri Schmit (F)
5. Louis Carrara (F)	Jules Touan (F)	Gaetano Annaloro (I)	Robert Mouginot (F)
6. Laouri Godih (F)	Rudi Langer (G)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Robert Pollazon (F)
7. Felix Chiocca (F)	Jose Hernandez (S)	Juan Cardenas (S)	Jose Ogazon (S)
8. ManoloGarcia (S)	Nello Barbadoro (I)	Piero Rollo (I)	Pipo Dionisio (F)
9. Fernand Nollet (F)	Altidoro Polidori (I)	Roger Cappato (F)	Emile Delplanque (B)
10. Piet van Klaveren (H)	Bobby Ros (S)	Dante Bini (F)	Gius. Gaviano (I)

LEGEND: (A) Austria; (B) Belgium; (F) France; (G) Germany; (H) Holland; (I) Italy; (S) Spain; (SW) Sweden.

Note: Max Resch, will be inactive for 3 months due to operation on tonsils.
Franco Festucci, inactive for 2 months, suspended by Federation.
Kurt Schiegl, inactive probably for 2 months, visiting relatives in Canada.

▶ **At the Salle Wagram, Paris,** Gilbert Lavoine scraped through with a close verdict over rugged Jean Poisson in a hard middles ten whilst Michel Francois won an equally close decision at the expense of the Spanish welter, Manuel Salcedo, over ten. In two lightweight combats, Latrêche checked Domingo Casals of Spain in the second and Constantin drubbed Chevallier over six.

▶ **Jemappes, Belgium.** Richard Bouchez, highly-touted middleweight comer, came through with another quick victory, this time over Alois Brand of Germany, who was stopped in the fifth frame. That was Bouchez' eighteenth win, but it proved nothing. Brand is a second-rate natural welter. Emile Delplanque licked Walter Limbach, of Germany in a bantam eight and José Peyre stopped big Bobby Warmbrunn in the fourth session of a heavyweight scramble owing to a cut eye. Juan Oscar Alvarez licked Eugene Servais in a feathers eight.

▶ **Barcelona, Spain.** An upset was caused here when the new lightweight king, Basque southpaw Fernando Bufala, was clearly outpointed by a youngster named Caballero. The newcomer dropped Bufala twice to the canvas, during the sixth and eight stanzas and won by a mile. The gypsy cruiserweight comer, Amaya, licked Escude well enough over eight rounds and Domingo Lopez nodded the middles champion, southpaw Victoriano Olivares, over eight rounds.

▶ **Milan, Italy.** A small crowd attended the show at the Ice Palace dedicated to young prospects. Impressive was the Eritrean, Ghery Fretzghy, who returned to action after an illness and cleaned up promising Giulio Friso, stopping him in the fourth of a robust welter affair. In two cruiser outings, Sergio Burchi decisioned Cesare Bagnoli over eight and Luciano Raddi laced Vanne Benassi over six. In three middles affairs, Brusa nodded Pippa over eight, Aldo Chiesa stopped Antonelli in four and Ferrazzi licked Calabrese over four. Pinto licked Grilli in a further welter scrap over six rounds.

▶ **Cannes, France.** After a lengthy layoff, Jacques Strocchio returned to action with a one-round knockout of the moustached Marseilles heavy, Raymond Degl'Innocenti.

▶ **At Moyeuvre,** the local welter star, Angel Colussa, got a nasty shock when he was defeated by the aggressive Portuguese, Francisco Santos, who lately scored over Johnny van Rensburg in South Africa.

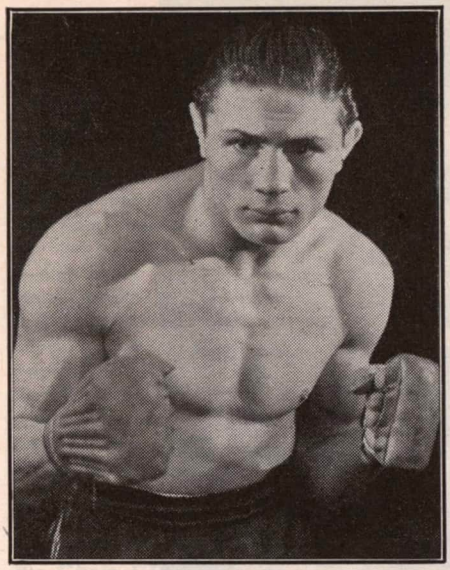
▶ **At the Paris Central,** Bernard Belli took things easy and coasted to a sure win over André Basset in a good middles ten. Amedé Boulesteix halted Benoiton in four. Brahim Ketani won over Paul Catseras and Jacques Maze trounced Kindenis, all welter sixes. In the quarter-finals of the Eugene Crique Beltfor, held at the Paris Stadium, Benoit Polanco beat Yves Levesque and Jacques Poisson iced Boudoui in the eighth.

▶ **Liege, Belgium,** Kid Dussart made a noteworthy return to form here, licking none other than the ex-champion of Europe himself, Idrissa Dione of Senegal. Of course, the Keed has lost more titles than Dione may ever think of winning but that was a long time since. Dussart came off the shelf after a couple of rounds feeling his man out. He carried the attack to Dione and then held his ground when Dione counter-attacked during the last three rounds. Felix Chiocca did better, dropping Georges Devos in the seventh and winning their lightweight contest handily over ten rounds. Gilbert Ussin lost to the Belgian welter, Aimé Mathys, over eight rounds although he had his man down in the sixth.

▶ **Asti, Italy.** Remo Viarengo was held to a draw by rugged Mario Rosellini in a tear-away lightweight eight whilst Bonino Allevi stopped Loreto Vari in the opening round of their heavyweight duel. Nosenzo drew with Gaudenzio Carutti in a feathers six.

▶ **Rotterdam, Holland.** Karlheinz Bücher was ruled out for non-combativity in the third round of his middles bout with the Dutch champion, Leen Jansen. The German afterwards claimed to have been dazed by a butt to the forehead but his purse was withheld. Theun Brommer came through with his first win in years, chilling Harry Möller, Germany, in the fifth of a welter affair. Other Germans had varying luck. Fritz Rings boxed his way to a draw with fast Heintje van der Zee in a bantam eight and Herbert Soodmann was checked in the second frame of his middles slam with powerful Jo Lamers.

▶ **Liege, Belgium.** Jean Sneyers came back after that battering given him by Hogan Bassey in London, with Manolo Garcia of Spain in the opposite corner. The Spaniard, relying solely upon aggressiveness and sheer physical condition, was utterly outclassed by the brilliant Sneyers, who won seven rounds and drew in two others. Idrissa Dione, still smarting from the Dussart defeat, boxed much better against the young Belgian welter champion, Pierre Wouters, and stopped him in the sixth with a cut left eye.



Ray Famechon met an old rival, Jacques Dumesnil, at the Salle Wagram, Paris, dropped him in the ninth and took the decision.

▶ **At Antwerp,** Alex Bollaert, local bantam star, decisioned the Frenchman, Ray Bénard, over ten rounds.

▶ **Paris. At the Salle Wagram,** two old favorites stood face to face, Ray Famechon and Jacques Dumensil had both given of their best before that same audience. Both their stars had faded somewhat but their names drew a full house. It was a lively duel which lasted the limit, with Famechon repeating a previous decision of over two years ago. He dropped Dumesnil to the canvas during the ninth but was not so impressive as on their first meeting. Michel Francois won over Jean Arville in a mediocre welter ten.

▶ **At the Central,** Jo Leneun was edged out by Maurice Maury in a hard-fought lightie ten.

▶ **Amsterdam, Holland.** Pedro Klyssens became the new Dutch heavyweight champ when he stopped blond Willy Schagen in the sixth round. Schagen lay ahead on points until the fifth, when he starting swapping punches. Always fragile, he was unable to soak up the heavy body slams which Klyssens threw across and the fight was stopped. Gerd Müller, chunky German lightweight, hammered into defeat the Surinamese welter, Theo Baars, during the third round. Gerhard van Eyck won a close middles affair at the expense of another German, Horst Borzowskowski, over four rounds.

▶ **Fidenza, Italy.** Marcello Padovani, smart lightweight performer, came through with an easy win over Paolo Cipriani in eight rounds. At Venice, Franco Rizzotti decisioned Mario Casellato in a welter eight.

▶ **Essen, Germany.** The Austrian double-champion, Leo Starosch, won a poor victory over the equally superannuated Robert Luma in a cruiser eight which saw every law in the book cast to the winds. Hans Kalbfell chilled the Italo-Belgian heavy, Renato Podrecca, in two rounds and on the rest of this German-Belgian program, Kurt Krahnen won in the first round against Alfonso Norbert in a feathers slam, Karlheinz Guder checked Frans Nevens in the third of a welter dispute and Herbert Sowa stopped red-haired Roger Vincke in the seventh of a middles argument.

▶ **Marseilles, France.** Promising Jean Tringa stopped René Béolet in the tenth frame of a thrilling feathers clash and Elie Makridis drew with Marcel Guyon in a welter ten. Mohamed Tedjini got the better of Jean Cuilleries, who was making a comeback in the welter ranks, over eight rounds. At Calais, René Sauvage trounced Stanislas Laskowski in a middles eight, Joseph Landsheere outfought Robert Allentin in a cruiser six and Libeer drubbed Joubert in a bantam six. At Laigle, Armand Boudin scored over Bernardo Pacinni in a gory and hotly-disputed heavyweight ten.

▶ **Milan, Italy.** Two national titles were at stake at the Ice Palace and both of them changed hands. Guido Mazzinghi, who was Italy's busiest boxer last year, is an outstanding prospect and to prove it, he ripped the middles crown from the head of Bruno Tripodi in a most convincing manner. The title-holder, never one of the best in Italy, was forced on the defensive and in the twelfth, Mazzinghi slung across a right which dropped the champ. Bruno regained his feet but stood defenseless, whereupon the fight was halted.

The other title-bout, for the cruiser championship, was also stopped in the twelfth round, in fact, there were but twelve seconds to go. Fernando Jannilli, formerly the blond idol of Roman fans, was but a shadow of his former self and was worn down by the attacks of Antemio Calzavara. Jannilli was out on his feet during the twelfth and the ref stepped in to save him from further punishment. Calzavara is not a kayo puncher and may have a difficult time against the new crop of Italian cruisers, like Burchi, Raddi, and Bettazoni. On the rest of the card, Letterio Petilli nodded Giancarlo Dugini in a bantam eight, Giuseppe D'Augusta whipped Giacomo Spano in a flyweight eight and Antonio Lepre drew with Franco Pinto in a brilliant welter six.

▶ **Barcelona, Spain.** José Hernandez had an easy gallop against Tony Lopez in a one-sided feathers ten here whilst Bobby Ros gained an unpopular decision at the expense of Caballero, who was considered to have earned at least a draw.

▶ **Limoges, France.** It was only by the generosity of the referee that Charles Colin was able to retain his national cruiser laurels here against the local challenger, Jacques Bro, after fifteen rounds. Bro was continually on the offensive and his nimble style made most of the champion's attacks ineffective. But Colin got the nod and there is talk of a return match very shortly.

▶ **At Dijon,** André Oueillé was halted in six rounds by tough Jean Ruellet in a middles slam whilst at Perigueux, Edouard Ptak got a narrow win over the Italian lightie, Giuseppe Marotto, over ten.

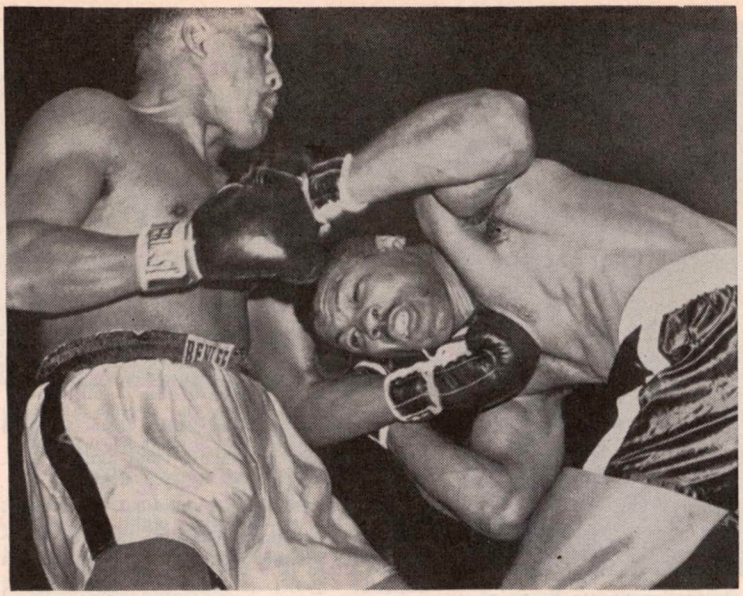
▶ **At St. Jean de Luz** Jean Sarian was laced by Giacomo Nervi in a welter eight.

▶ **Tunis, North Africa.** Duilio Loi allowed himself a sojourn into the welter ranks when he took on here the Spaniard, Abd ben Buker II. Much more impressive than on his last showing, Loi pulled out a few stops and dropped the heavier man for a count during the sixth, winning by a wide margin over ten rounds. Bill Jo Cohen fought a draw with the Portuguese middle, Manoel Martinhera, but a mis-cast on the judge's cards was spotted and Martinhera declared winner. Ali ben Ahmed larruped Pino Azzaro. A crowd of 2,000 attended the program.

▶ **St. Jean de Luz, France.** Victor Pepeder, promising local feather, made another advance by defeating here the Parisian star, Louis Poncy, over ten fast rounds. At Dunkirk, Marcel Ranvial scored a kayo in the second over Simon Grudzien, lightweights, and at Avranches, Lucien Méraint outfought Vivier in a feathers ten. At the Paris Central, Marius Dori was awarded a draw against Claude Lapourielle, though it was generally agreed that Dori had done enough to get the nod in this fierce welter ten. At Dijon, Salvatore Vangi whipped the Italian veteran, Amleto Falcinelli, in a good feathers ten.

▶ **Jemappes, Belgium.** Richard Bouchez chalked up another win, this time over a more qualified opponent, the French middle, Henri Entringer, who ceded to the Belting Belge over ten rounds.

▶ **Paris. At the Salle Wagram.** Promoter Gilbert Benaim took a chance in pitting André Drille against another southpaw, especially one of the experience of Gilbert Lavoine. Drille opened up in his usual brilliant style and made the tough railroadman look clumsy but Lavoine fought back and bided his time. In the fifth, Drille made the mistake of opening up and Lavoine shot across a vicious left hook to the head which sent the youngster sprawling for a count of "9". Drille got up and lasted the round and in the following stanza busted open the ex-champion's right eye. So it went on, nip and tuck, for ten rounds and the decision, drawn bout, was loudly applauded. Guy Alicou drew with Emile Patureau in a welter six, Menotti licked Robert Gillet in a lightie eight and Louis Poncy halted Moustique Meslem in the eighth of a feathers discussion.



Bob Baker scores with a left to the body of Chicago's John Holman during their 12 round bout at Miami Beach. Pittsburg Bob won a unanimous decision in the first of the Heavyweight elimination series.

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY
By Selsso Tiborro

Mexico inaugurated its new arena on Friday, April 27, with a wrestling card. As stated before, the new arena has an 18,000 seating capacity and a value of nearly $2,000,000. The following day, Saturday, April 28, the first boxing show was staged, the main event being between Ricardo "Pajarito" Moreno and Oscar Suarez of Cuba.

▶ Trini Ruiz, 126, decisioned Luis Castillo, 124, in 10. Mike Cruz, 119, decisioned Roque Fernandez, 117, in ten. Luis Gutierrez, 116, stopped Panchito Silva, 118, in two. Chiquilin Torres, 117, decisioned Javier Garfias, 117, in six. Luis Lopez, 119, stopped Ramon Ramirez, 116, in one.

▶ Beto Carbajal, 135, decisioned Roberto Bolaños, 135, in ten. Alvaro Gutierrez, 136, stopped Eduardo Almazan, 135, in six. Chucho Mejia, 126, decisioned Carlos Loyola, 125, in 8. Marcial Galicia, 118, stopped Jose Lomeli, 118, in four. Raul Cruz, 126, stopped Nacho Negrete, 125, in two.

▶ Chuy Rodriguez, 116, decisioned Giraldo Bacho, 120, in ten. Pedro Fuentes, 144, decisioned Alfredo Martinez, 147, in ten. Joe Medel, 115, stopped Fili Maya, 119, in one. Tibico Torres, 115, decisioned Anastasio Navarrete, 115, in eight. Chamaco Reyes, 117, drew with Pancho Serrano, 118.

▶ Carlos Barragan, 133, decisioned Ubaldo Ramirez, 133, in ten. Coca Kid, 135, drew with Valentin Rangel, 132, in ten. Manuel Rojas, 119, drew with Nacho Paredes, 117, in eight. Gabriel Navarro, 125, decisioned Pablo Mireles, 125, in six. Angel Islas, 114, decisioned Raul Torres, 114, in four.

▶ Beto Carbajal, 134, decisioned Roberto Bolaños, 132, in ten. Enrique Ortiz, 135, decisioned Marcelino Peña, 134, in ten. Juan Alcantara, 119, stopped Moises Juarez, 114, in two. Emilio Olivares, 118, stopped Rodolfo Jimenez, 118, in three. Jose Vega, 126, decisioned Alex Ramirez, 125, in four.

▶ Baby Navarro, 119, decisioned Cheto Fernandez, 117, in ten. Hector Garcia, 131, stopped Jose Galicia, 133, in two. Luis Ruiz, 134, decisioned Gregorio Campos, 130, in six.

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Martin Sanchez, 122, stopped Luis Lopez, 118, in one.

▶ Ricardo "Pajarito" Moreno, 119, stopped Oscar Suarez, 117, in two rounds. Angel Guerrero, 124, decisioned Manuel Armenteros, 123, in ten. Chuy Rodriguez, 118, decisioned Eddie Luna, 118, in ten. Joe Medel, 118, stopped Tony Alamillo, 117, in two. Lalo Camarena, 126, decisioned Chocolate Sandoval, 125, in four.

▶ Memo Diez, 114, decisioned Danny Kid, 114, in ten. Jose "Toluco" Lopez, stopped Joey Benson, 118, in one. This show took place in the El Toreo bullfight ring, located in Cuatro Caminos, State of Mexico.

LA LAGUNA AND THE MEXICAN PROVINCE
By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

▶ Raúl Leaños, 119, the youngster of the fighting family, put Ramón Sosa, 120, Juárez, to sleep in the seventh round. Here you have something for your collection of brothers in boxing for The Book: The Leaños **Bros. were four.** Tony a hard puncher lightweight; Jesús the classy feather, Juan and Raúl, now an active bantamweight. In the 10-round semi, Sal Fierro, 126, Juárez, was much too rough for young Manuel "Pinky" Ruiz, 123, and got the duke; Daladier Urista, 138, iced Mayo Escamilla, 144, in six.

▶ Manny Delgado, 129, beat Pedro Piña, 131, in ten fast rounds. Newcomer, Pedro Pérez, 126, scored a sparkling kayo over veteran Juan Collazo, 125, in the fourth round. Lorenzo Leyva, 126, a kid with a couple of guns in his hands, also stopped Gabriel Sánchez, 127, in six.

▶ Another victory for the Leaños youngster, Raúl, kid brother of Old Juan. He whipped Joe Chamaco, 119, after ten rounds. The victor weighed 118 pounds. Fidel Lucero, 132, demolished Chino Colonia (Rubén Ibarra), 135, and put him into the chloroformic dreams in the fourth round. Daladier Urista, 139, spanked veteran Luis Herminio Vázquez, 145, during eight rounds, only to find that Officials voted for a draw.

▶ MONTERREY. — Dámaso Collazo, 137, Cuban, stopped César "Chino" Saavedra, 135, La Laguna, in the third. Angel Guerrero, 123, decisioned Rogelio Saucedo, 120, La Laguna, in ten rounds.

▶ ACAPULCO.—Pedro Biesca, 131, and Tobe Peñaloza, 133, fought in an 8-round No Contest bout.

▶ MONTERREY.—Humberto "Hamlet" Carrillo, 128, La Laguna, knocked out welterweight Luciano González in six rounds. Angel Guerrero, 124, beat Felipe Sosa, 126, La Laguna, in ten rounds.

▶ CHIHUAHUA.—Alfredo Nevarez, 133, surprised Mexican Boxing when he bested National Lightweight Champ, Bernabé "Baby" Vázquez, 134, in ten rounds.

▶ MONTERREY.—Kid Anáhuac, 125, kayoed Raúl Solis, 121, in the sixth. BomBom Kiriz, 126, bested Rafael Vázquez, 128, La Laguna, in the 10-round semi.

▶ ACAPULCO.—Carlos Cardoso, 116, son of famous fighter Enrique, scored a 8-round kayo over Arturo "Babe" Ruiz, 118.

▶ GUADALAJARA.—Rudy Coronado, 117, embalmed Mario de León, 115, in ten.

▶ PUEBLA.—Edel Ojeda, 123, former National Bantamweight King, stopped Genaro Serafín, 125, in the fifth round of a match which was the first one of Edel comeback.

▶ MONTERREY.—Dámaso Collazo, 136, Cuba, scored another triumph in his Mexican campaign. Now the darky boy from Havana put Tomás Castillo, 138, to sleep in nine. BomBom Kiriz, 125, bested Babe Rodríguez, 127, in ten.

▶ ACAPULCO.—Gildardo Bacho, 118, outpointed Roberto García, 122, in ten. Moisés "Toro" Padilla, 117, got the duke in ten rounds over Javier Garfias, 117.

▶ GUADALAJARA.—Reyes López, 130, defeated Manuel Rivera, 133, former Lightweight National Champion, in ten rounds.

▶ ACAPULCO.—Santos "Firpo" Gutiérrez, 156, former Middleweight Champ of México, kayoed Gabriel Barragán, 155, in five.

BOXING IN YUCATAN
By Eduardo Amer G

MERIDA, YUC. (CIRCO TEATRO YUCATECO)—In the bout between Johncito Rodriguez, 117, Cuba and Ramon Cruz, 111, the referee halted the affair in the fifth round, calling it "no contest". Both used many low blows. Lazaro Uribe, 115, and Joe Quijano, 113, drew in ten—Cubanito Gonzalez, 116, and Joe Canto, 117, also drew in 8—Jorge Correa, 108, bested Ray Valadez, 105, in six rounds—Zurdo Castillo, 110, boxed a draw battle in four with Chi-Chi Martinez, 111.

▶ MERIDA, YUC. (Circo Teatro Yucateco): Orizaba Kid, 136, of Veracruz, stopped Baby Gamboa, 135, in the sixth round—Juancito Lopez, 118, beat Urbano Velázquez, 117, in ten—Rafael "Pico" Solís, 137, whipped Tom Miss, 136, in 6—Manolo Ortíz, 111, won a decision over Zurdo Castillo, 113, in four.

▶ MERIDA, YUC. (Arena "Plaza Mérida"): Memo Díez, 117, American Flyweight Champion, kayoed Naeho Escalante, 118, in six rounds—Emilio de la Rosa, 121, of México City, outboxed César Morales, 127, to earn a close decision in 10—Promising Carlos "Baby" Ortiz, 126, technically kayoed Bombero Aguilar, 133, in the seventh—Carlos Lara, 123, won from Baby Orozco, 121 in six —Agustin "Chico" Argáez, 115, iced Zurdo Castillo, 113, in the third round.

▶ MERIDA, YUC. (Circo Teatro Yucateco)—Orizaba Kid, 135, scored another knockout when he stopped Salvador Beberaje, 134, of Champotón, in six rounds—Negrito Medina, 114, bested Juancito López, 117, of México City, after ten good rounds—Wenceslao "Zurdo" Sanchez, 116, put Tony Salazar, 116, to sleep in the second—Luis Quijano, 115, brother of Victor Manuel, decisioned Chi-Chi Martinez, 113, in 4.

▶ MERIDA, YUC. (Circo Teatro Yucateco): Luis Castillo, 122, whipped Johncito Rodríguez, 119, of Cuba, in 10 founds—Cubanito González, 116, won as he pleased in 8 from Chucho Hernández, 116, of Tabasco—Jorge Correa, 108, TKO'd Babe Vázquez, 106, of Campeche, in the sixth round—Baby Alonso, 115, beat Zurdo Castillo, 115, in four—Papelero Pina, 115, bested Zurdo Santama, 114.

▶ MERIDA, YUC. (Arena "Plaza Mérida"): Sensational Raúl "Ratón" Macías, 123, NBA Bantamweight Champ, stopped Mike Hernández, 122, bantamweight king of Yucatán, in four rounds. Macías looked good—Nacho Escalante, 118, whipped Lázaro Uribe, 117, in 10—Nando Carvajal, 118, won an eight round decision over Urbano Velázquez, 118 —Rafael "Pico" Solís, 138, was beaten by Carlos "Lincoln" Tamayo, 128, in six—Panchito Estrella, 113, decisioned Chi-Chi Martínez, 115, in four rounds.

▶ CAMPECHE, CAMP — Severo "Pelón" Perera, 128, of Yucatán, TKO'd Kid Rejón, 127, in five rounds—Engodo de Campeche, 118, beat Luis Miranda, 118, of Yucatán, in 8—Agustín "Chico" Argáez, 115, of Yucatán, defeated Baby Martín, 116, in six.

▶ CAMPECHE, CAMP—Rafael "Pico" Solís, 137, of Yucatán, kayoed Manuel "Zurdo" Zavala, 138, in the third round—Carlos "Lincoln" Tamayo, 138, of Yucatán, decisioned Elmer Pérez, 137, in 8—Panchito Estrella, 113, of Yucatán, stopped Kid Aguilar, 114, in two.

▶ CAMPECHE, CAMP—Terry Martínez, 132, and Bombero Aguilar, 132, fought a "no contest" bout. The referee halted in the fourth round. Wenceslao "Zurdo" Sánchez, 116, of Yucatán, iced Engodo de Campeche, 118, in 5 rounds—Manuel "Negrito" Alcalá, 112, decisioned Chino de San Francisco in six.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
By Ike Morales

(Pinch-Hitting for Broadway Johnny Cox)

TWO MAJOR RING SHOWS, BOTH NATIONALLY TELEVISED and staged five weeks apart, have pushed Bonnie Geigerman back into the ring picture as a matchmaker of national renown. Bonnie recently formed the Louisiana Boxing Club with promoter J. T. Owen following the defunct Louisiana Boxing Enterprises headed by Blaise Diatoni.

Geigerman's first promotion with his new club was the Charley Joseph-Milo Savage fight, and won by Joseph. It was a huge success, the fight attracting 5,320 fans and grossing $12,000 despite television. The "gate", incidentally, was the largest for an all-Negro card staged here in years.

Charley Joseph, 159, 22-year-old New Orleans middleweight, moved into the 160-pound title scramble when he scored a 10-round split decision over the veteran Milo Savage, 161, in the local auditorium.

It was a nationally televised contest, and first appearance for Joseph before the cameras.

Handlers of Joseph predict the local boy will improve with each fight and are already looking forward to contests with Willie Troy, Bobby Boyd and Ralph "Tiger" Jones.

The victory kept Joseph's local streak unblemished and boosted his victory string to 32. Charley was beaten only once as a pro, by George Benton three years ago at Miami Beach, Fla.

Joseph's vicfory was not an easy one. He had to withstand a late battering by Savage, who shook up the local boy with damaging head blows during the last four rounds. Joseph jabbed and danced away from the slow plodding Savage to pile up a comfortable margin during the first five rounds.

Neither fighter was marked at the conclusion of their 10-rounder. Joseph, by the way, collected his biggest purse since he turned pro. Aside from the $4,000 TV guarantee, Charley's percentage of the net gate gave him a grand total of $5,849.

Although the loser, Savage's big jackpot amounted to $6,311.

The show, a huge success, was a feather in the caps of Bonnie Geigerman and J. T. Owen. Incidentally, it was the club's first promotion.

In supporting bouts, Eddie Cates, 140¾, scored a seventh round TKO over Joey Lewis. Both boys are from New Orleans. The fight was scheduled for eight rounds. Johnny Howard, 155, of Chicago, won a splitter over Earl Grey, 158½, New Orleans, in a six.

Tommy Hayes, 137, New Orleans, decisioned Joe Cook, 139, New Orleans, in four, while Willie Wells, New Orleans, stopped Kid Wilkinson, New Orleans, in the first.

▶ Kid Centella, the Nicaraguan now fighting out of New Orleans, dropped another decision in the Coliseum, but the Keed furnished 1,104 fans with the biggest thrill of the fight.

Alex Vargas, who weighed 140 pounds to Centella's 136, had piled up a comfortable margin going into the tenth and final round. But Centella came out and landed a short left to the Texas boy's kisser and knocked him cold.

Vargas crumbled against the ropes, his eyes glassy and probably in no condition to continue when the bell came to his rescue.

A gamester, Vargas fought the last five rounds with a broken nose. Aside from that, the Texan's eye and nose were bleeding. Despite these handicaps, Vargas kept his foe off balance with a tantalizing left that barely missed the target.

Centella hit the deck in the first and fourth rounds but was unable to catch up with his foe until the tenth—when it was too late. The victory was Vargas' 27th in 28 pro fights.

Herbie Rodriguez, 150, chalked up his 12th straight pro victory without a setback when he stopped Tony Necro, 160, Miami, in the third of a scheduled six rounder. A right to the belly finished Necro.

Martin Coscino, promising welterweight prospect, decisioned Clay Haley in a hectic and bloody four rounder. The bout was a tossup for three rounds, but Coscino dropped Haley twice in the fourth to clinch the fight.

In another prelim, Frank Savoie defeated Gene Tillman of Mobile, reversing an earlier decision several weeks before.

▶ Larry Armstead, New Orleans lightweight, suffered his second jaw fracture within three months when he was the victim of a third round TKO by Gerry Black, 137½, of Philadelphia at the Coliseum. Earlier in the year, Jimmy Hackney, another Philly lightweight, broke Armstead's jaw.

The fracture, no doubt, ended Armstead as a prospect. The local boy had an enviable ring record, having scored most of his victories by knockouts. Black, 137½, was making his local debut in the Armstead fight.

Joe Dorsey, 177, stopped Ted Donald, 208, in the fifth round of a scheduled 10 rounder. Dorsey had his foe down three times in the fourth. In other supporting bouts, Johnny Howard, 157, Chicago, won over Earl Grey, 158, New Orleans, in six rounds, while L. J. Thomas, 181, New Orleans, stopped Bob Gurley, 201, in one.

▶ Willie Pastrano, local heavyweight contender, had things all his way when he gave big John Arthur of South Africa an artistic boxing lesson in 10 rounds in the Colliseum.

Arthur, whose chief rise to fame was that he went 15 rounds with Don Cockell, was no match for the swift-moving 20-year-old Pastrano. In fact, Pastrano scored a shutout over the foreigner, winning all 10 rounds.

It was the easiest $4,000 Pastrano picked up as a pro. Willie lacked the punch to kayo Arthur, but his foot and hand speed proved too much for the South African.

Arthur had a 40-pound pull in the weights, coming in at 228 pounds to Willie's 188. He also had a two-inch height and a bulge in reach. The comparison ended there, however.

A crowd of 5,037 fans paid $14,450 to see Heard Ragas' show. The net was $11,325.20. Arthur received $2,200 for his end.

In the prelims, Mike Turcotte lost to Kenny Decarux in the six-round semi-final.

BOXING IN THE CAROLINAS
By Chris Cline

DURHAM, N. C.—JOHNNY (ACE) HAND, 126, Durham, proved that his previous win over flashy Jimmy Calcutt, 125½, Florence, S. C., was no fluke by outpunching his rival again, this time over the twelve round route.

In the co-feature, Cliff Eskridge, 110¼, Ciro, Ill., American's leading flyweight, stretched his win streak to ten straight by stopping Steve Marshall, 121, Richmond, Va., in 1:10 of the fifth. Cliff cut his bigger foe down with a steady body attack flooring him three times.

Joe Thomas, 181, Darlington, S. C., kayoed David Walker, 205, Baltimore, in 1:44 of the fifth, and John Greenhill, 169, Durham, looked impressive in stopping the veteran Bill Godfrey, 165, Greenville, S. C., in the third. A crowd of better than 1,000 fans turned out for the monthly card.

▶ Florence, S. C.—Unbeaten Richard Kelly, 154, Florence, whipped out the only mar on his record of 15 bouts when he stopped Jimmy Peters, 151, Washington, on a cut eye in 1:34 of the seventh round. It was Peter's first loss in 10 bouts, the previous draw with Kelly being his only none winning effort.

Cliff Eskridge, 112, Cario, Ill., added another win to his list by kayoing Johnnie Thomas, 126½, Gastonia, N. C., in 0:24 of the third round. A left toppled Thomas for the full count. Joe Thomas, 179, Darlington, S. C., halted Al Gary, 207, Charlotte, N. C., in 1:22 of the third, and Lucky Gilford, 140, Florence, decisioned Buzz Barr, 139, Aiken, N. C., 6. Three amateur bouts completed the card.

In "PACIFIC NORTHWEST" Rings
By R. D. Casey

THE LIGHT HEAVY CHAMP ARCHIE MOORE VISITED TOTEM TOWN and lured $11,290 worth of customers into the Auditorium to see him annihilate huge George Parmentier, "The Big Redwood" from Eureka in three rounds. Originally Moore was scheduled to face Seattle's Eddie Cotton again, but Cotton broke his left hand in a gym workout with Jim McCarter, U. of Washington amateur champion. This was a bitter disappointment to Cotton, who has now had three scheduled matches with the champion fall through because of gym injuries—twice to Moore, now to Cotton.

▶ SEATTLE CIVIC AUDITORIUM—Archie Moore, 193, Fistiana's "elder statesman" played with, then demolished huge George Parmentier, 233, Eureka, Cal., in three rounds. The big lumberjack was simply too slow to offer the champion any real competition.

Teddy Hall, 134, Seattle, was too aggressive for Los Angeles' Javier "Baby Face" Gutierrez, 130, in six. Fighting Bill Miller, 149, Seattle, won a hard gruelling six round duke from Ray Martinez, 148, Butte, Montana. It was the best fight of the night. Manny Sanchez, 132½, Seattle, decisioned Tony Martin, 148, Butte, in six; Burt Singer, 139, Portland, kayoed Bobby Doll, 141, Spokane, in two heats.

▶ PORTLAND ARMORY—Pat McMurty, 184, Tacoma's brilliant heavyweight prospect, kayoed Matt Jackson, 178, Fort Lewis soldier, in seven rounds. Matt could belt, having scored 18 kayos in 27 bouts, but couldn't land on McMurty.

Dick Lane, 154, the mean cowboy from Billings, Montana, scored a five round kayo over Edmonton's rugged Jackie Headon. The Doc wouldn't let the battered Canadian come out for the sixth. Headon's nose was broken and his face pretty badly cut up.

J. C. Johnson, 159, Seattle, kayoe'd Kel Wayne, 159, Portland, in four. This was Wayne's first loss in two years; he also suffered a broken nose. Sonny Hett, 174, Salem, Oregon prospect, scored one of his best wins to date in stopping capable Carlton Lincoln, 173, Portland, in four. Lincoln couldn't come up for the fifth due to rib injuries.

Eddie Johann, 174, Portland, stretched Gene Meeker, 170, Estacada, in two of the curtain-raiser. A crowd of 2,248 satisfied fans attended this show.

Boise's hard punching lightweight prospect, Jimmy Grow, is fighting in the smaller clubs again. Bobby Hicks, sensational Seattle amateur, has now scored 42 straight wins, 20 by clean cut knockouts and we don't see any simon pure beating this natural born fighter. Jim McCarter reversed the usual trend of the times when he turned in his University of Washington football suit so that he can devote all of his time to fighting. That's all the action from the tall pine country for this time, so until next month, the best—Casey. 7003-3rd Ave. N. W., Seattle, Wash.

BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA
By Jack Levinson

VIRGIL PEVERALL, ROANOKE'S PROMISING WELTERWEIGHT, dropped a very close six-round decision to Earl Clemons of Baltimore, in the semi-final bout to the Hurricane Jackson-Johnny Williams feature held at Washington, D. C. Clemons weighed 146, to 140 for Peverall.

▶ Roanoke Police Athletic League boxers beat the Cavalier Sport's Club (Petersburg, Va. 6 to 3). The Victory ran the Star city boxers record to five straight team wins, and ended the Petersburg record of six consecutive wins.

▶ Many of the Norfolk and state wide fight fans are happy to hear that Mr. Charles Ford one of the members of the Virginia Boxing Commission, has recovered from his recent illness. Mr. Ford is now attending his regular duties as owner of the Ford Furniture Co., and his other interests. Mr. Ford has been director of the yearly MARCH OF DIMES boxing programs presented in Norfolk, for 3 years out of the past 9 years that the annual event has been presented.

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CONNECTICUT BOXING NEWS
By Sal Giacobbe

New Britain:—Vinnie Ricco, 127, New Britain, off to a slow start won a popular six round decision over Merrill Olmstead, 130, Springdale, Mass., in the feature attraction at the Stanley arena. Referee George Parker scored the match 28 to 25. There were no knockdowns with Riccio coming on strong in the last four rounds to earn a well deserved duke.

Benny Borden, 155, New Britain, scored a quick knockout over Eric Cross, 160, Hartford in 1:56 of the first round with a short right hand to the chin. Dennis McCann, 180, Hartford, came off the floor in the first round to score a second round technical kayo over Johnny Love, 179, New Britain.

It was a good boxing program, but a gate of less than $500 made it a very expensive evening for the promoters, who had enjoyed a $3,000 plus gate in their previous outing when they featured Floyd Patterson.

▶ Hartford:—This city's greatest little fighter, with 199 Victories to his credit, came home to Hartford to score his 200th win. Without losing a round to Jackie Blair of Houston, Pep reached another milestone in a brilliant career that has spanned 17 years. Blair with height, reach and weight to his advantage was completely mastered by Pep's dazzling ringmanship. It was nothing more than a workout for the former champion who continues to defy Father Time. Pep weighed in at 130 to Blair's 132.

Billy Lynch 147, Hartford, was awarded a seven round TKO over Bobby Dalton, 153, Hartford, because of a badly cut eye sustained by Dalton. It was a good hard fight with Lynch leading when the fight was stopped. George Edmonds, 135, Hartford, in a comeback attempt lost a six round decision to Edgar Stover, 138, New York. Tom Creary, 159, New York, won in six rounds over Jackie Maddox, 161, Hartford.

▶ Bristol:—Promoter Julie Larese's second offering in a month was another success with 952 fans paying $1,250 to watch local boy, Frankie Roche, 138, score a 3 round knockout over Angel Chavez, 140, Springfield. Two short lefts and a well placed hard right to the pit of the stomach finished Chavez in 1:21 of the round. In the very first minute of the first round both fighters went sprawling through the ring, falling to the floor. Apparently Chavez received a shoulder injury, as he seemed hampered thereafter. Roche scored a clean cut knockout, with referee Joe Howard counting to ten.

▶ East Hartford:—With veteran Frank Milano as matchmaker, this town's second show in 2 months was another good one. Steve Ward, 137, Hartford's new fighting sensation, scored a 4th round TKO over Merrill Olmstead, 133, Springfield. Olmstead was unable to continue because of an injured hand. In a lively four, Nick Devanno, 128, Norwich lost to Serge Penalver, 126, New York. In another good scrap, Benny Borden, 154 won in four rounds over Ozzel Gale, 155, New York.

▶ New Haven:—Promoter George Adams got a good show under his belt in his first fistic offering at the New Haven Arena. Without a "name fighter" on the card, Adams was content to take a financial loss just to get rolling, but promises the fans Big Bouts in the very near future.

In the feature 10, Billy Tisdale, 185, Bridgeport got off to a good start over Johnny Riggins, 181, Detroit, winning the first two rounds handily, with good left jabs and right crosses. But Riggins, who looks like a comer, started to get to Tisdale in the third round with good shots to the body. In the fourth, Riggins swarmed all over Tisdale, scored a clean knockdown and had him at his mercy when Referee Eddie Moore stopped the one sided affair.

Rudy Williams, 183, New York, a stablemate of Floyd Patterson, had no trouble in disposing of Johnny Black, 189, Bridgeport, in the third round via TKO. In another scheduled six, a slam bang see-saw affair, Johnny Sing Lee, 151, Orange, N. J., came off the deck twice to drop Art Holliday, 152, Hartford two times, the second time for the count in the fourth round. Eddie Demars, 164, Springfield, won a lively 6 round decision over Archie Whitfield, New York. In a four, Mike Perez, 126, New York, copped the duke over Nick Devanno, 125, Norwich, in another lively contest.

▶ Congratulations to Larry Boardman, defeating two reigning champions in consecutive bouts, is a feat I don't recollect happening in recent years, if ever.

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SWINGS AND HOOKS FROM OHIO
By Less Huffman

JUDGE RODNEY ROSS, ONE OF THE CITY'S leading sports fans, died here. He was a University of Ohio all-star athlete and was a physical training director at West High and South High schools.

Pat Lowery hopes to get back into the condition that enabled him to make rapid strides last year.

▶ Frankie Ivon, local heavy, works as a trainman for the C and O Railroad, and Bob Kepler, former featherweight scrapper, is on the police force at North American Aviation. Alabama Kid, one time star middleweight and light heavy, is a personnel director with the city here. Phil O'Dowd works for the Pennsylvania Railroad. Irish Pat Richards is with the C.I.O Union and Battling Swarts works for the city as does Willie Russell, former leading lightweight.

Al St. John is a new promoter here. He was granted a license by the City Commission. Jack Flanagan is his matchmaker.

The writer plans staging popular price shows during the Summer. Fight managers, get in touch with me. PO Box 611, Station G, Columbus, Ohio.

Johnny Palmer of Columbus won his first pro fight when he copped the duke from Clyde Mayberry of Dayton.

Harry Eagles, who was injured in an auto accident, expects to promote bouts in Texas when he is fully recovered.

▶ Charley Cotton, Toledo, stopped Lester Felton in the first round of their fight in Toledo on Promoter Palmer's first show.

LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS
By Eddie Beck

HAROLD GOMES, NEW ENGLAND FEATHERWEIGHT KING, scored his sixth consecutive victory by demolishing Dom Sacco, transplanted Boston feather. Gomes is seeking ranking in the top ten and Manager Frankie Travis is seeking top competition for the N.E. king.

▶ Steve Marcello, local middleweight, fluffed in his big chance by dropping a ten rounder to Chico Vejar, Stamford, middleweight.

Gene Butler, Boston lightweight, beat Charly Slaughter, Westfield lightie in ten.

▶ Danny Josephs, Jr., returned to ring warfare to beat Cisco Halley in 6. Cisco stopped Don Southern in five in his next start.

Rusty Davis beat Paul Holman, Boston welter, in six. Rusty stopped local Bobby Hedges, in five due to cut eye.

PITTSBURGH PUNCHES
By Mickey Davies

QUICKIES—Tom Tannas is now handling Jesse Bowdry, young St. Louis middle, a fine young prospect . . . Jesse has had four fights, winning all . . . Tom also handles the affairs of L. C. Morgan, top-ranked lightweight, Charley (Sonny) Liston, very capable heavy, Garvan Sawyer, undefeated heavy, Noel Humphreys, Dixie lightweight king, Charley McGeary, undefeated middle, Joey Reynolds, good St. Louis lightie, to name a few . . . Duquesne Gardens, the site of many a great fight show, will be razed this month . . . Incidentally, this leaves Pittsburgh without an indoor spot of any size, until the new Auditorium is completed in about three years . . . Johnny Fiore, bar and grill operator of East Liberty, would like to get his fingers into the local promotional "pie" . . . Lou Ledbetter, former trainer of Bob Baker and other local ring greats, doing a bang-up job in the auto business . . . Heidelberg Arena will be the site of several shows this summer with both Benny Anolik and Billy Conn at the helm as promoters.

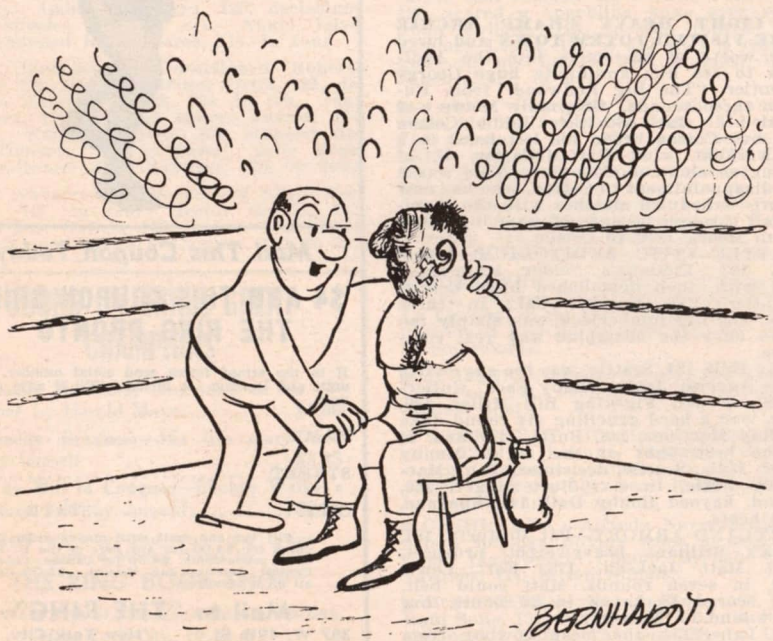
BOXING NOTES FROM JAPAN
By Ritchie Inouye

HITOSHI MISAKO, THE ONLY RATED FIGHTER FROM JAPAN in the Ring rating, is now making bid for a title fight against world flyweight champ Perez. Japan-American Enterprises, overseas handler for Misako, sent an offer to Perez's manager Lazaro Koci for a flat guarantee of $25,000 for Perez to defend his title in Tokyo. Misako, a winner over both Ring rated boys, Danny Kidd and Tanny Campo, both from the Philippines, is the most logical contender for Perez. In the event Perez declines the Tokyo bout, Misako is prepared to go to Buenos Aires to fight Perez.

▶ Both the flyweight and lightweight champs lost their Japan titles to their younger foes in Tokyo. Ex-fly champ, Speedy Akira lost his crown to Lefty Iwamoto by a comfortable margin. Iwamoto, a young, fast, up-coming fighter, has a good wallop in both arms. The old timer Speedy showed fatigue in the seventh and just barely made the bell in the tenth.

The lightweight bout was held on the same card, a double title event. The champ, Kazama, was widely outpointed by a younger challenger, Ogoshi the Bull. Ogoshi kept creeping in throughout the ten rounds and kept the champ running and clinching.

▶ Since former world fly champ Shirai faded out of circulation from the Tokyo area, promoters are hesitating to hold any big events. The Saddler-Kaneko bout was a big loss to the local promoters and it seems doubtful if any big fights other than a world title contest will be staged in Tokyo.



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IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN
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DEL FLANAGAN, ST. PAUL IRISHMAN, used a flashy left jab and nifty footwork to score the unanimous 10 round decision over George Boddie of Cleveland, at the Milwaukee Auditorium. The bout headlined a 36 round fight card arranged by promoter Dr. Jack Gules. Flanagan weighed 154½; Boddie, 156¼. Other bouts follow:

EIGHT ROUNDS—Joe Schmolze, 162¾, Minneapolis, won unanimous decision over Clarence Riley, 158, Detroit.

FIVE ROUNDS—Johnny Neal, 155½, Milwaukee, won majority decision over Eddie Troy, 152¾, Detroit.

Johnny Nicholas, 127¾, Milwaukee, stopped Joe Pena, 131½, Chicago, in 2:41 of third.

FOUR ROUNDS—George Jarosch, 170¾, Milwaukee, stopped Jimmy Jones, 170¾, Chicago, in 2:04 of second round.

Bob Smith, 151¾, Milwaukee, stopped Joey Logue, 156, Milwaukee, in 18 seconds of second round.

Featherweight Johnny Nicholas was tabbed the fightingest fighter on the card.

▶ Chairman Joey Sangor of the Boxing Commission, invited boxing promoters, Phil Valley, Frankie Balistreiri and Dr. Jack Gules to meet with other commissioners to discover a means of increasing boxing activity in the state. One reason advanced for the lack of boxing activity was inability to secure dates at times when it was possible to sign a top notch match.

This brought about a later meeting with the boxing commission, the promoters and the board of directors of the Auditorium-Arena. The building manager Elmer Krahn said he would be happy to cooperate with a plan submitted by attorney Spracker for the boxing clubs.

For the first time in the 43 years of legalized boxing, the financial report at the end of the states fiscal year shows that the boxing commission's expenses have exceeded the income.

Attorney William B. Goodsitt was named chairman of the commission to succeed Joey Sangor who had served his term.

Gov. Walter Kohlar, Jr., refused to accept the resignation tendered by commissioner Gil Jackson and Gil agreed to stay on. Jackson was state featherweight champion in the early days of legalized boxing here. He is a very capable commissioner and we would not like to see him go.

▶ Referee Dauber Jaeger, 65, has retired. Dauber has taken an active part in the boxing game for half a century. As a lightweight boxer he fought the nation's best. Among them Jimmy Clabby, Ad Wolgast, and Rudy Unholtz. As a referee he was the bossman in over 4000 bouts, a state record.

▶ Coach Johnny Walsh's University of Wisconsin mittmen won the NCAA tournament after three days of competition, in the Field House at Madison, before a crowd of 13,879 persons.

Walsh's men placed five champions in ten bouts, to score 47 points. Louisiana State placed two, and scored 18 points to come in third behind Idaho State, with 20 points. Idaho got but one champion. Michigan State and Washington State each had one champion.

Five veterans handled the NCAA officiating —and the Daddy of them all in my book was George Barton, Minneapolis Sports Editor and former president of the N.B.A. The others were Freddie Gilmore, Chicago; John O'Donnell, Davenport; Herb Carlson, Ihado.

NORTHWESTERN REPERCUSSIONS
By Hugh Sutton

BOISE, IDAHO—UNTIL HIS MEETING with Paul Perkins, Dick Lane had been able to shake the KO-curse. His initiation came at exactly 1:34 of the first round. Perkins came out looking more like a tabby cat, but he suddenly turned into a tiger and threw lefts and rights from every angle. Lane went down after the first barrage and came up at the count of eight. The barricade that Dick usually carries in all of his fights was gone, and the spoiler from Salt Lake proceeded to send us home much earlier than was expected. Actually, Lane had two factors against him, which lost the fight. First, he had the flu for four days before the fight. And secondly, Diamond Dick is a slow starter. Lane weighed 148 and the ebony Salt Laker 154.

Fighting on the underneath 8-rounder, Harley Breshears, 182, belted Pat O'Day out 2:13 of the first round, with a series of left hooks. O'Day weighed 190.

Everybody seemed to be getting belted out in the first round on the card, and Roque Maraville, 172, Nampa, Idaho, didn't change the custom by promptly folding George Looker, 180, Eugene, Ore., in 1:22 of the first stanza.

The only fight that went the limit was the four rounder between Eddie Schnoor, 140, Boise, and Gene La Forte, 155, Reno. Schnoor picked up the decision by unanimous vote.

Ray Strong and Jackie O'Brian opened the evening's card with tornado action. It was evident that somebody had to go and Strong was the first to run out of gas in the third round. The ref stopped the fight and O'Brian picked up a TKO. O'Brian 156 lbs. and Strong 140.

BOXING IN PANAMA
By Juan Copeland

IN A SHOW AT THE ARENA COLON, promoted by Louis Craig, Rodolfo (Toro) Braithwaite and Herbert Douglas, lightweights, fought to an eight round draw in the main event.

Jesus Sta. Maria knocked out Enrique Perea in two rounds of a featherweight affair. Lightweight Carlos Ortiz stopped Sam Bruce in the second heat.

▶ Scarcely forgetting the awful death of Stanley (Rocky) McKay, Panama's featherweight champion, who died in 1951, Pedro Tesis, who had just won the title and started to go places, was killed recently in an auto accident. Coming from Panama City, he rolled over an embankment at the Don Bosco Bridge and was killed.

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NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

▶ **EARLS COURT, LONDON.** Don Cockell, British and Empire Heavyweight Champion, and his leading challenger Jack Gardner, Market Harborough, left a rather nasty blemish in the British beef-trust division when they gave pathetic displays against Kitione Lave, Tonga, and Joe Bygraves, Jamaica, respectively.

The first pair in the ring were Gardner, weighing 215, and Jamaican Bygraves, 195, and when they stripped for action, the Jamaican seemed fit enough to fight for a kingdom, while it was obvious that Gardner was carrying about ten pounds too much around the midriff. Slow even in comparison to his normal sluggish ring style, he was an easy mark for the left hooks and swings which Bygraves threw at him. The fans in the large arena wasted no time in showing their disappointment at the bungling display the huge ex-guardsman was putting up, and when in the second round it was seen that Gardner had received a badly gashed eye, referee Tommy Little stepped in and halted the one sided bout.

Next in the ring were Don Cockell, at 211¾, and Kitione Lave, looking in perfect condition at 204¼. Cockell, who had withstood nine rounds of Rocky Marciano's block-buster, was but a shadow of his former self and easily succumbed to any punch that Lave landed. In the first round Cockell took a short count, but in round two he took counts of 7, 7, 6, and 8, before taking the full ten in two minutes 17 seconds of the second round . . . a sorry display indeed.

With Cockell and Gardner scheduled to meet in a title contest on May 28 at Leicester, the projected set-to now takes on a somewhat farcical aspect, as it is my contention that neither boxer is worthy of a championship bout, I also am of the opinion that Cockell lost his Empire Heavyweight title to Lave by virtue of losing inside the distance although the bout was not for the scheduled fifteen rounds. My precedent for this belief is based on the well remembered Freddie Welsh and Benny Leonard contest in 1917, when Leonard was recognized at World Lightweight Champion after stopping holder Welsh in the ninth of a ten round non-decision bout. Manager John Simpson, who handles both Cockell and Gardner, has asked both fighters to hang up their gloves.

Peter Waterman, Clapham, 147½, fought hard and well in his return match with Kid Gavilan, Cuba, 147, over the full ten rounds course, but this time there was no doubt in anyone's mind that the decision was correct. Gavilan won by the proverbial street. Gavilan floored the game Waterman in the fifth round for an eight count, and thereafter was in complete command.

Ron Harman, Brighton, 218, stopped Basil Kew, Putney, 194½, in the third when Kew suffered a gashed eyebrow. . . . Sam Langford, Nigeria, 186½, outpointed Johnny Smith, Portsmouth, 177¼, over eight rounds. . . . George Whelan, Acton, 137½, outpointed Willie Lloyd, Wales, 137, over eight. . . . Jimmy Black, Trinidad, 128¼, narrowly won over Freddie Reardon, Downham, 128¾, over eight rounds.

▶ **BELFAST.**—Billy Kelly, Derry, 128½, was extremely unlucky to lose his scheduled ten rounder with Charlie Tucker, Camberwell, 127, when a badly cut eyebrow caused the former's retirement in the seventh round. Kelly was ahead on points when a collision of heads brought about the unfortunate end. . . . Jimmy Brown, Belfast, 128, stopped Malcolm Ames, Croydon, 128, in the third. . . .

George Lavery, Belfast, 160, successfully defended his Northern Ireland Middleweight crown against Sammy Hamilton, Belfast, 156¼, by a twelve rounds points win. . . . Paddy Graham, Belfast, 134, outpointed Al Sharpe, Belfast, 134¾, over ten rounds. . . . Derek Clarke, Manchester, 138¼, stopped Johnny Blane, Belfast, 137, in the fourth. . . . Ronnie Currie, Belfast, 121, outpointed Jackie Tiller, Manchester, 124½, over six hard rounds.

▶ **WEMBLEY TOWN HALL.**—Sammy Odell, Nigeria, 134, stopped Arthur Murphy, Camden Town, 135½, in the seventh of an eight rounder. The fight had taken an even course until Odell cut loose suddenly in the seventh and had Murphy in a bad way. . . . Chris Charles, Covent Garden, 144, outpointed Lew Smarg, Euston, 145½, over six rounds. . . .

Alf Drew, Hackney, 127½, stopped Billy Spittle, Barnsley, 129, in the fourth. . . . Tim Giles, Stepney, 142, knocked out Ron Wild, Covent Garden, 154, in the fourth. . . . Pat McCairn, Deal, 129, outpointed Kenny Thomas, Covent Garden, 127¾, over six rounds. . . . Teddy Russell, Popular, 130¾, outpointed Dennis Saunders, Boreham Wood, 128, over six rounds.

▶ **WALWORTH.**—George Dormer, East Ham, 118¼, won his best victory to date when he outpointed Robert Meunier, France, 118¾, over eight rounds of superb boxing. . . . Sammy Bonnici, Malta, 128¼, outpointed Boswell St. Louis, Trinidad, 134½, over eight fierce rounds. . . . Tony Barrett, Pimlico, 145¾, outpointed Peter Cobblah, Gold Coast, 145, over six rounds. . . .

Phil Harrington, Guildford, 173, well outpointed Jack Whittaker, Warwick, 168¾, over six rounds. . . . Dave Goodwin, Bournemouth, 128¼, outscored Albert Stokes, Battersea, 127¼, over six rounds. . . . Terry Toole, Hackney, 125¾, stopped Al Pallent, Penge, 128, in the second round.

▶ **LIVERPOOL STADIUM.**—Jimmy Croll, Scottish Welterweight Champion, 149½, clearly outpointed Jeff Dudu, Nigeria, 150¼, over eight rounds. . . . Terry Jenkins, Cymbran, 115½, outpointed Colin Clitheroe, Preston, 112¼, over eight. . . . Jimmy Cottrill, Birkenhead, 141, knocked out Chis Howson, Lancaster, 140, in the first round. . . . Gordon Mason, Manchester, 154, outpointed Denny Morgan, Pontefract, 159, over six. . . . Eddie Burns, Liverpool, 123½, outpointed Brian Duckles, Hull, 118, over four rounds.

▶ **NEWCASTLE.** — Tongan heavyweight, Kitiona Lave, 203, continues to show improvement, and was in devasting form against Uber Bacilieri, Italy, 203¼. The ex-champion of Italy started well against the hard hitting Friendly Islander, but from the second round on, Lave took command and punished Bacilieri unmercifully and the referee intervened in the fourth.

Eddie Thomas, South Africa, 164¾, stopped Vincent O'Kine, Gold Coast, 152¾, in the fifth round when Referee Folland halted the uneven contest. O'Kine had taken several long counts. . . . Jimmy Brogden, Manchester, 152¾, outscored Coline Stirzaker, Middlesborough, 151½, over six. . . . Dick Knox, Motherwell, 139½, outpointed Derek Clark, Burnley, 140, over six. . . . Jackie Carter, Morpeth, 141½, and Stan Jackson, Newcastle, 138, drew over six rounds.

▶ **WISBECH.**—Jack Johnson Cofie, West Africa, 164½, won over Fred Britton, Kings Lynn, 164, when after a collision of heads in the second round, it was seen that Britton had received a bad gash over his left eye and was forced to retire. . . . Peter Read, Cambridge, 128, outpointed Tony Russell, Leeds, 129, over eight rounds. . . . Barry Leonard, Nottingham, 157, was too smart for Morley Nightingale, Wicken, 155½, over eight rounds. . . . Ken Ashwood, Derby, 147, outpointed John Charles, Daventry, 148, over six rounds.

▶ **ROYAL ALBERT HALL.**—20 year old Dave Charnley, Dartford, 135, outpointed Smiling Sammy McCarthy, Stepney, 135¾, in 10 rounds. Underdog as far as betting was concerned, Charnley soon showed that he wasn't overawed by McCarthy's reputation and floored the latter for two long counts during the bout.

There was excitement galore in the fight between Alex Buxton, Ex-British Light-heavyweight Champion, 165¾, and Terence Murphy, Canning Town, 175, who were matched in a final elimination for the title now held by Ron Barton, over the fifteen rounds course. 35 seconds of the first round sufficed for Buxton, who cut his man down with five terrific punches. Murphy who seemed out to the world made a desperate attempt to beat the count, but referee Tommy Little adjudged him to be 'out', and then the fireworks started. Murphy, completely frenzied threw a punch at the referee, which Little easily avoided. Afterwards, in his dressing room Murphy apologized profusely.

Tony Chellis, Euston, 141½, stopped Frank O'Brien, Galway, 140¾, the referee halting the bout when O'Brien had received a badly cut eyebrow. . . . Don Symonds, Bellingham, 147½, stopped Johnny Maloney, Dagenham, 145¾, in the second round, again with a cut eyebrow causing the closure. . . . Eddie Lennon, Dublin, 161¾, outpointed Wally Scott, West Ham, 160½, over six rounds. . . . Ayree Jackson, Gold Coast, 130, stopped Terry McHale, Liverpool, 123½, in the fourth.

▶ **LEITH.**—There was a sensational ending to the contest for the vacant Bantamweight Championship of Scotland, between Eddie Carson, Edinburgh, 117½, and Hugh Riley, Edinburgh, 118, when referee Frank Wilson disqualified both boxers in the sixth session for persistent holding and wrestling.

Danny Harvey, Glasgow, 148¼ beat Eddie Phillips, Edinburgh, 149½ the latter being disqualified in the fourth round for alleged misuse of his head. . . . Billy Rafferty, Glasgow, 120, outpointed Danny McNamee, Dundee, 120, over six rounds. . . . Johnny Douglas, Glasgow, 178, outpointed Joe Dodds, Edinburgh, 178½, over six rounds. . . . Arthur Donnachie, Greenock, 134, stopped Johnny Murphy, Glasgow, 134½, in the second of a scheduled six rounder.

▶ **WEMBLEY TOWN HALL.** — Arthur Murphy, Camden Town, 135½, knocked out

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

(to May 21, 1956)

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. James J. Parker (C)	Yolande Pompey (T)	Pat McAteer (E)	George Barnes (A)
2. Johnny Williams (E)	Ron Barton (E)	Mike Holt (SA)	Hector Constance (T)
3. Joe Erskine (W)	Yvon Durelle (C)	Johnny Sullivan (E)	Attu Clottey (WA)
4. Henry Cooper (E)	Alex Buxton (E)	Lew Lazar (E)	Yama Bahama (B)
5. Joe Bygraves (E)	Gordon Wallace (C)	Jimmy Elliott (SA)	Peter Waterman (E)
6. Kitione Lave (To)	Albert Finch (E)	Billy Ellaway (E)	Benny Nieuwenhuizen (SA)
7. Dick Richardson (W)	Terrence Murphy (E)	Les Allen (E)	Wally Thom (E)
8. Brian London (E)	Arthur Howard (E)	Billy McDonnell (A)	Vincent O'Kine (WA)
9. Allan Williams (A)	Joveci Bau (F)	Eddie Thomas (SA)	Peter King (E)
10. Ken Brady (A)	Johnny Halifihi (To)	Barry Brown (NZ)	Darby Brown (A)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Ludwig Lightburn (BH)	Hogan Bassey (WA)	Kevin James (A)	Dai Dower (W)
2. Richie Howard (C)	Elijah Mokone (SA)	Peter Keenan (S)	Jake Tuli (SA)
3. Johnny v. Rensberg (SA)	Alby Tissong (SA)	Fernand Gagnon (C)	Bindi Jack (A)
4. Joe Lucy (E)	Charley Hill (S)	George Dormer (E)	Teddy Rainbow (A)
5. Dave Charnley (E)	Charley Tucker (E)	Jimmy Cardew (E)	Jimmy Quinn (S)
6. Armand Savoie (C)	Billy Kelly (I)	Louis Joshua (SA)	Dennis Adams (SA)
7. Sammy McCarthy (E)	Jimmy Brown (I)	David Gogotya (SA)	Gerry Jooste (SA)
8. Solly Cantor (C)	Matt Fulton (S)	George O'Neil (I)	Frankie Jones (S)
9. Colin Clarke (A)	Bobby Neil (S)	John Smillie (S)	Dick Currie (S)
10. Willie Toweel (SA)	Jimmy Black (T)	Johnny Jarrett (A)	Malcolm McLeod (E)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (B) Barbados; (BE) Bermuda; (BG) British Guiana; (BH) British Honduras; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Miji Islands; (GC) Gold Coast; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (TO) Tonga; (W) Wales (WA) West Africa.

Barney Beale, Lambeth, 136½, in the second of a scheduled eight rounder. . . . Johnny Lomey, Euston, 136½, knocked out Ron Everett, Hounslow, 138½, in the second round. . . . Alf Drew, Hackney, 126½, outpointed Peter Sexton, Lambeth, 126, over six. . . . Pat McCairn, Bethnal Green, 128½, stopped Billy Spittle, Barnsley, 130, in the sixth, when the referee intervened. . . .

Terry Horrix, Westbourne Grove, 130½, outpointed Johnny Phillips, Covent Garden, 135½, over six hard rounds. . . . Jimmy Giles, Stepney, 130½, stopped Ron Larry, Poole, 130, in the third. . . . Ron Wild, Covent Garden, 157½, outpointed Vernon Goodman, Poole, 156, over six rounds.

▶ **BELFAST.**—Jeff Dudu, Nigeria, 151, lost narrowly on points to Charlie Cosgrove, Belfast, 151, over eight rounds. . . . Joe Rufus, Nigeria, stopped Johnny Blane, Belfast, 144, in the seventh. . . . Joe Collins, Lisburn, 148, outpointed Bobby Gill, Jamaica, 146, over eight rounds. . . . Al Thomas, Belfast, 133½, outscored Danny Hatton, Belfast, 140½, over six. . . . Benny Vaun, Belfast, 122, outpointed Harry Hunter, Belfast, 125½, over six rounds.

▶ **EPSOM.**—Malcolm Ames, Croydon, 130, knocked out Laurie McShane, Glasgow, 129, in the third round. . . . Jack Whittaker, Warwick, 168½, stopped Phil Harrington, Guildford, 171, in the second round. . . . Wally Beckett, Carshalton, 171, beat Malcolm Affleck, Guildford, 168½, stopped Phil Harrington, Guilford, 171, in the second round. . . . Wally Beckett, Carshalton, 171, beat Malcolm Affleck, Guildford, 168½, when the latter was disqualified in the fourth. . . . Eddie Baker, Bournemouth, 143½, outpointed Vic Smith, Croydon, 143½, over six rounds. . . . Al Pallent, Penge, 129¾, narrowly outpointed Albert Stokes, Battersea, 129½, over six rounds. . . . Ken Mullins, Jamaica, 162½, outpointed Keith Harwood, Bournemouth, 158¾, over six rounds.

▶ **GREAT YARMOUTH.**—Paul King, Torquay, 149½, outpointed Leo Maloney, Hillingdon, 147½, over eight rounds. . . . Abe Stanley, Poole, 175½, stopped Don McCall, Doncaster, 177, in the second. . . . Fred Jackson, Haslingfield, 161, stopped Peter Kerwin, Chelsea, 161, in the third. . . . Maurice Murfitt, Little Downham, 138, outpointed Martin Tolan, Leeds, 134½, over six. . . . Cliff Giles, Linton, 125, and Johnny Barr, Stockport, 127½, drew over six rounds.

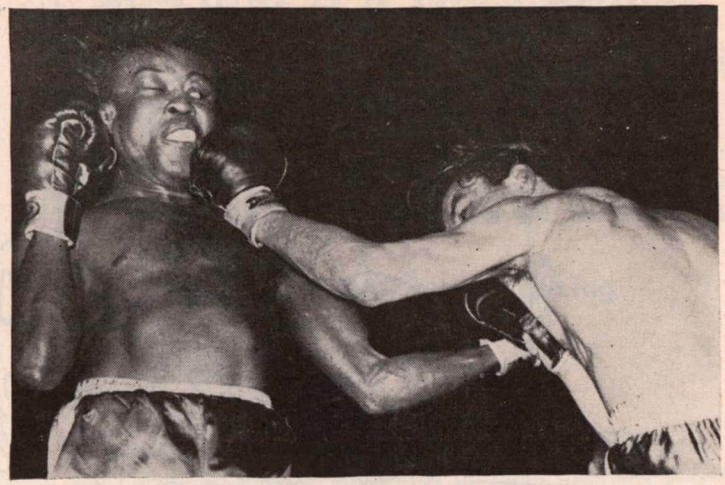
▶ **PRESTON.**—Willie Armstrong, Scottish Middleweight Champion, 165½, drew with Kit Pompey, British Guiana, 164, in a disappointing eight rounder. . . . Gerry McStravick, Belfast, 146, was unlucky to lose to Jackie Butler, Preston, 144½, owing to a gashed eyebrow in the fifth. . . . Eric Lord, Bacup, 114½, outpointed Gerry Jones, Wigan, 118, over six rounds. . . . Charlie Hadley, Preston, 148½, knocked out Ron Tyson, Skipton, 146½, in the third. . . . Paddy Walmsley, Preston, 113½, outpointed Bobbie Davies, Lancaster, 111, over four rounds.

▶ **NEWTON.**—British and Empire Flyweight Champion Dai Dower, 115, scored an easy points win over Robert Tartari, France, 114½, over ten very fast rounds. Dower outboxed the Frenchman to run up a commanding lead which was never in doubt.

Don Sainsbury, Cardiff, outscored Ken Rowlands, Welsh Lightheavyweight Champion, in a scrambling six rounder. . . . Andy Baird, Birmingham, 142, outpointed Parry Dando, Cardiff, 141, over eight rounds. . . . Pancho Bhattachajee, India, 112, took a six rounds all action points decision from Bill Downer, Stoke Newington, 113. . . . Colin Spittle, Brierly Hill, 151, outpointed Dave Brandon, Durham, 154, over six. . . . Ted Williams, Huddersfield, 172, outpointed Johnny Williamson, Gloucester, 171½, over six rounds.

▶ **BELFAST.**—Al Sharpe, Belfast, 134½, stopped Jim Fisher, Belfast, 134½, in the sixth of a scheduled ten rounder. Fisher had taken five counts before the referee intervened. . . . Tommy Emberson, Bangor, 118¾, knocked out Jim Loughrey, Derry, 113, in the third. . . . Pat Price, Newry, 142½, knocked out Tommy Bleeks, Stewartstown, 139½, in the third. . . . Jim Feeney, Banbridge, 134, stopped Arty McGill, Belfast, 134½, in the first. . . . Arty White, Bangor, 139½, stopped Jim Fane, Belfast, 139½, in the fourth.

▶ **PORTSMOUTH.**—Ken Lawrence, Southampton, 125¼, won the Southern Area Featherweight Title when he outpointed Teddy Peckham, Bournemouth, 125, over twelve rounds. Peckham fought hard but was unable to cope with the Southampton boy's superior boxing. . . . Al Allotey, Gold Coast, 177, outscored Johnny Smith, Portsmouth, 178, over eight rounds. . . . Johnny Cheatle, Portsmouth, 136¼, outpointed Ray Mann, Gold Coast, 134¾, over eight rounds. . . . Albert Stokes, Battersea, 131, outpointed Ron Larry, Bournemouth, 132, over six rounds. . . . Malcolm Affleck, Guildford, 163, outpunched Vernon Goodman, Bournemouth, 156¾, to win a four rounds points decision.



Gavilan Takes It. Kid Gavilan (left), former world welterweight champion, takes a left to the jaw thrown by British welterweight Peter Waterman in London. Gavilan also took the ten rounds decision in this return bout after losing a controversial verdict to Waterman previously.

▶ **EMPRESS HALL, LONDON.**—There was excitement and to spare at Freddie Mill's promotion at Earls Court when British Middleweight Champion Pat McAteer, Birkenhead, 161, met South Africa's Jimmy Elliott, 160½, over ten rounds. McAteer, absent from the ring for several months with a hand injury, was having his first contest to test his left hand which had been operated on, and although the hand stood up well, he was easily outpointed by the rough tough South African.

McAteer took the first two rounds comfortably, but when Elliot discovered that the Champion could not hurt him, he tore in and wouldn't allow McAteer to keep the fight at long distance. At infighting Elliot was easily the master, and he gradually sapped McAteer's strength.

Jimmy Newman, Walthamstow, 153, and George Happe, Bethnal Green, 158, met in a scrambling eight rounder with the nod going to Newman at the end. . . . Johnny Read, Norwood, 160½, unleashed a peach of a punch in the first round to kayo Gerry McNally, Liverpool, 161¾. The punch to the jaw had McNally spreadeagled and unable to beat the count.

Arthur Murphy, Camden Town, 136½, ran into trouble in the first round of his bout with Jimmy Tippett, Greenwich, 138, when he was floored and saved by the bell, but the second round saw Tippett's onslaught continue, and the referee halted the bout when Murphy was in a bad way. . . . Johnny Howard, 126, stopped Don Flack, Bermondsey, 129½, in the second round. . . . Chris Charles, Covent Garden, 143½, knocked out Sammy Williams, British Guiana, 140, in the third. . . . Peter Read, Cambridge, 125½, outpointed Don Coshirel, Channel Islands, 124, over six rounds.

▶ **WEST BROMWICH.**—George Roe, Wolverhampton, 159½, knocked out Cliff Garvey, Dundalk, 159, in the third of a scheduled eight rounder. . . . Stan Davis, Kettering, 178, outpointed Joe Odeymi, Lagos, 172½, over eight rounds. . . . Andrews Marty, Gold Coast, 129, outscored Billy Allport, Walsall, 130, over six rounds. . . . Ernie Vickers, Middlesborough, 151, outpointed Harry Mason, Brierley Hill, 149½, over six rounds.

▶ **HEREFORD.**—Ebe Mensah, Gold Coast, 136, outpointed Pat McCoy, Galway, 136¼, over eight rounds. Mensah's superior boxing against McCoy's non-stop aggression turned the trick. . . . Dennis Rowley, Pontypridd, 161, outpointed Stan Hooker, Bournemouth, 163, over eight rounds. . . . Johnny McMullen, Cardiff, 147, stopped Danny Larty, Gold Coast, 148, in the third session. . . . Eddie Williams, Tredgear, 161, outpointed Beau Griffiths, Bridgend, 162, over eight rounds.

▶ **DERBY.**—Ray Corbett, Birmingham, 146, took a narrow decision over Peter Cobblah, Gold Coast, 145¼, after eight hard contested rounds. . . . Jim Lindley, Doncaster, 166½, outpointed Abe Quartey, Gold Coast, 167¾ over eight rounds. . . . Steve Gee, Nottingham, 151, and Eddie Sykes, Huddersfield, 152, drew over six rounds. . . . Billy Gibson, Fishburn, 123, outpointed Barrie Ward, Nottingham, 126¼, over six rounds. . . . Ken Lancaster, Mexborough, 154½, defeated Trevor Sykes, Huddersfield, 152½, the referee intervening in the sixth.

LIVERPOOL STADIUM.—Ron Greb, Liverpool, 136½, knocked out Dick Knox, Motherwell, 137¾, in the second. Greb punished Knox heavily before dropping him for the full count. . . . Arthur Donnachie, Greenock, 132½, stopped Don Martin, Formby, 133½, in the fourth of a scheduled eight rounder. . . . Malcolm Tiffany, Castleford, 143, outpunched Bobbie Gill, Birkenhead, 147, the referee halting the bout in the fourth when Gill was in difficulties. . . . Brian Duckles, Hull, 119, knocked out Gerry Jones, Wigan, 119½, in the third of a scheduled six rounder. . . . Bobbie Davie, 111, outpointed Gerry Parker, 111½, over four rounds.

▶ **BELFAST.**—Joe Collins, Lisburn, 146½, comfortably outpointed Joe Rufus, Nigeria, 144, over eight rounds. . . . Bonnie Currie, Belfast, 123, scored a good points win over Don Armagh, Gold Coast, 118¼, over eight rounds. . . . Nye Ankrah, Gold Coast, 124, stopped Jim Feeney, Banbridge, 130½, the referee intervening in the third round because of a bad gash over Feeney's left eye. . . . Tommy Bleeks, Stewartstown, 136½, stopped Al Thomas, Belfast, 133, in the second round. . . . Dave Moore, Belfast, 118¾, stopped Harry Hunter, Belfast, 122¼, in the third.

▶ **WALSALL.**—Peter Ratcliffe, Bristol, 147, stopped Terry Cullen, Shotton, 149, in the second of an eight rounder. Cullen took several counts and much punishment before the referee called a halt. . . . Colin Spittles, Brierley Hill, 154, outpointed Jack Johnson Cofie, Gold Coast, 162, over six rounds. . . . Ray Akwei, Gold Coast, 136, outpointed Mickey Driscoll, Brierley Hill, 135, over six rounds. . . .

Andrews Marty, Gold Coast, 129, won from Martin Tolan, Easington, 131, when the latter was disqualified in the fifth for 'persistent holding'. . . . Steve Gee, Nottingham, 141, knocked out Ronnie Grey, Rugby, 143, in the first round. . . . John Charles, Daventry, 148, stopped Richard Johnson, Leeds, 146¾, in the first session.

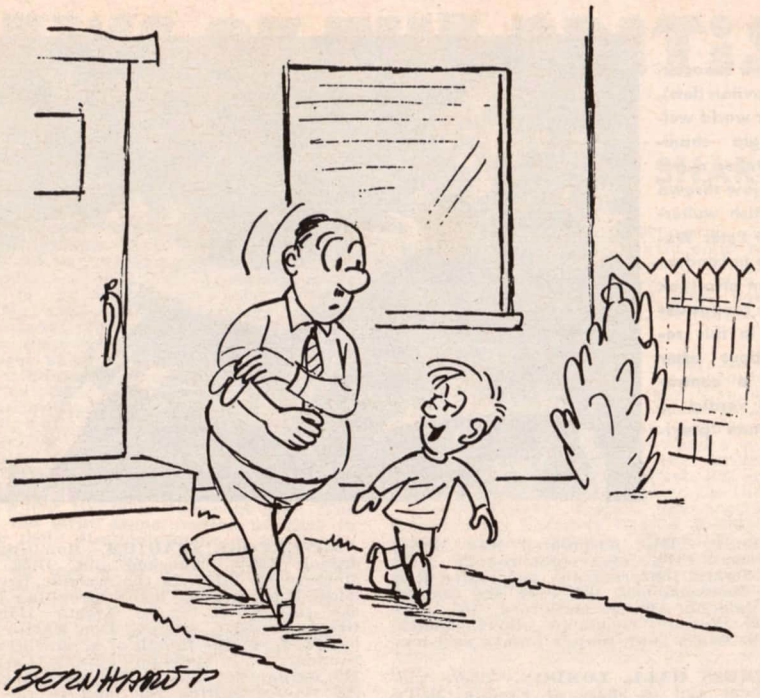
▶ **OXFORD.**—Percy Lewis, Oxford, 129, scored a clear cut points win over Ayree Jackson, Gold Coast, 130½, over eight interesting rounds. . . . Tony Chellis, Euston, 141½, stopped Billy Kiernan, Hammersmith, 146, in the fifth round after Kiernan had taken five long counts and was in no condition to continue.

Tex Woodward, Bristol, 149½, outpointed Joe White, Oxford, 151, over six rounds. . . . Terry Horrix, Westbourne Grove, 131, outpointed Everett Hounslow, 138½, over six rounds. . . . Johnny Lomey, Euston, 136, and Dennis Preston, Covent Garden, 135½, drew over six rounds. . . . Alf Drew, Stepney, 127, outpointed Pat McCairn, Deal, 126¼, over six rounds.

▶ **MIDDLESBOROUGH.**—Sam Langford, Nigeria, 174, stopped Tony Lord, Liverpool, 176, in the fourth of a scheduled eight rounder, after Lord had taken several counts and was obviously unable to continue. . . . Fred Jackson, West Ham, 177, knocked out Tex Williams, Huddersfield, 174, in the fourth of a six rounder. . . .

Jim Moran, Leeds, 207, stopped Chris Rock, Choppington, 194, in the second session. . . . Eric Grieve, Middlesborough, 121, stopped Joe Barnett, North Shields, in the third. . . . Colin Stirzaker, Middlesborough, 151, and Jackie Hale, Leeds, 149, drew over four rounds.

▶ **NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB.**—Jimmy Lynas, Belfast, 158¼, narrowly outpointed Peter Longo, Covent Garden, 157¾, in a ding dong eight rounder.



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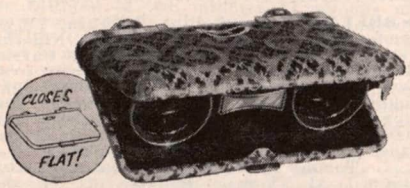

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IN AND AROUND CHICAGO
By Lenny Myers

CHICAGO STADIUM—BOBBY BOYD, CHICAGO'S TOP MIDDLEWEIGHT CONTENDER won a ten round disputed decision over Holly Mims at the Chicago Stadium. Mims made Boyd look bad as the lanky Chicagoan missed his shots throughout the nationally televised bout. The decision was split and the fans booed the Boyd victory loud and long. A rematch is in order.

In the prelims, Tony Anthony, New York middleweight, scored a knockout over Frank McGarry of Chicago in the second round; Bobby Rogers, 133, Chicago, scored a knockout over Jesse Rodriguez, 132, Warren, Ohio, in the 2nd round; Madison Morgan, 141, Chicago, kayoed Charley Sprule, 141, Chicago, in one heat. Al Lane, 186, Chicago, defeated Stan Mylinsky, 184, Chicago, in six rounds. A crowd of 2,496 turned out for the show.

▶ Herman Spritz, who does the boxing promoting in East St. Louis, Ill., has plans for several outstanding outdoor summer shows to be held at the local ball park. . . . Johnny Gray, local heavyweight managed by Frankie Tomaso is doing well. He stopped Al Lane here in his last start and is ready to take on any of the better heavyweights. All mail will reach this correspondent at, 1761 Howard street, Chicago, Illinois, U. S. A.

MINNESOTA NEWS
By Billy Colbert

THE NEW BOXING CLUB IN MINNEAPOLIS IS HEADED BY BOB CONNOR, Mike Welch and Tommy Anderson, three successful business men. They plan to run shows twice a month. Tommy Anderson is the matchmaker. Managers and booking agents can get in touch with him at Tempo Club, 2027 East Franklin Ave., Minneapolis. Assisting Tommy is Gene Connelly, former boxer and trainer of the Flanagan boys in St. Paul. The main attraction for the new club at the present time is Del and Glen Flanagan.

▶ Mill City Boxing Club attraction—The Flanagan Brothers, Del and Glen, turned in victories in the double main event at the Minneapolis Auditorium. Glen Flanagan won unanimous decision over Don Mason of Milwaukee in a ten rounder and Del decisively outpointed Abe Cruz of Chicago in ten

Two knockdowns from left hooks was the margin Glen had over Mason in his bout. Flanagan weighed 137, Mason 139.

Gene White, St. Paul heavyweight stopped Harold Johnson of Minneapolis, 195, in the fifth round. Don Mason, Omaha, 158, won by a tko over John Murphy, Chicago, 172, in two rounds.

▶ St. Paul Auditorium—Jim Hegerle, 157, St. Paul's newest middleweight sensation, scored a good win over Bob Rossie, 159, Cedar Rapids, middleweight

Ralph Alvarez, St. Paul, 145, decisioned Don Jose, Detroit, 146, in six. Don Weller, St. Paul, 145, won by a tko over Brownie Cane, 148, Detroit in six rounds.

Wayne Womichil, Omaha, 194, won by a knockout over Buddy Roettger, Stillwater, 196, in two. Dick Zadazda, St. Paul, 194, won by a tko over Stan Larsen, Stillwater in the first round.

▶ St. Paul Auditorium.—Jim Hegerle, 157, St. Paul young middleweight and a ko winner in his last four main events, knocked out Jim Burke, 160, Milwaukee, in the third round. Hegerle is one of the best young fighters and punchers to come along in the Twin Cities for some time.

Don Weller, St. Paul welterweight, won a decision over Jentrice O'Neill, 145, in four rounds. Weller weighed 145.

Gene White, St. Paul heavyweight, 195, k'oed Hubert Khun, Milwaukee, 189, in three rounds.

Terry Rindal, St. Paul, 157, decisioned Ted McCoy, Milwaukee, 155, in six rounds. Rindal looked very good. Jimmy Perrault, St. Paul, 155, decisioned Benny Mason, Milwaukee, 163, in six rounds.

Danny Davis, Minneapolis, 145, decisioned Ralphy Alvarez, St. Paul, 147, in six rounds. Jack Raleight, St. Paul promoter was well satisfied and is planning bigger things for his next show in St. Paul.

▶ Billy Whelan, former St. Paul lightweight who fought the best in his division when they were a lot of good ones, passed away at the Veterans' Hospital in St. Paul. He was 63 years old. Billy was the one who brought out My Sullivan and handled him in all his important fights.

Minneapolis has a new gymnasium on Hennelin Ave., operated by the new Mill City Boxing Club. There is a lot of activity there. Professional and amateur boxers train there every afternoon and evening. Gene Connelly is one of the trainers in charge.

▶ Minneapolis Auditorium—Tommy Anderson, capable matchmaker of the Mill City Boxing Club, came up with another good ten rounder in which Glen Flanagan, St. Paul ligheweight, won the decision over Bobby Bickle, Kansas City lightweight,

The preliminaries made it a great card. Le Roy Green, Kansas City, 155, won by a t.k.o. over Bennie Mason, Minneapolis, 155, in five rounds. Plummer Willis, Minneapolis, 133, making his pro debut showed a lot of class when he halted Ray Jaco, 134, St. Paul, in the first round. Nick Torres, Minneapolis, 135, lost a close decision to Terry Loyd of Kansas City, 137, in four rounds. Al Lane, 188, Chicago heavy, decisioned Gene White of St. Paul, 189, in a six rounder.

LOUISVILLE BOXING NEW'S
By Joe Martin

A UNIQUE FIGHT PLAN WAS REVEALED by the Cardinal Sport Club here in Louisville. In order to restore professional fighting here the club plans to bring in 30 promising young fighters under a 14-week contract. This contract would guarantee the fighters as many as seven bouts and free room and board as long as they win or look good. If successful, it could conceivably be the forerunner in restoring boxing to community fight clubs.

The Club has taken over the entire second floor of a local hotel here for headquarters, training area, living quarters and the first floor for a training table.

The plan is to start on May 22. Semi-monthly cards of two four-round bouts, one six and three eights will be staged. Except for the first few cards, a fighter will start in a four rounder. If he wins he will move into what is called the upper four-rounder on the next card. Then if he wins again he will move up to a six and so on. All this time he is at the club's expense and has an option on a side job, ranging from $60 to $95 a week, which will be arranged by the club.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. Jimmie Amann

Garven Sawyer, Cincinnati heavyweight who is doing most of his fighting in eastern rings, turned in a well-timed three round tko over Mickey Carter in the recent Lightburn-Khalfi fight in New York.

▶ AROUND FOUNTAIN SQUARE WITH THE PUNCHERS AND THEIR PILOTS. . . . my weekly boxing letter at a one year ten dollar subscription, now in its eighth year. My guide, which has 1000 names and addresses of promoters and managers, also available at one dollar per copy . . . address me for either, or for local news at 6710 Palmetto St., Cincinnati 27, Ohio.

NAT'L A.A.U. CHAMPIONSHIPS, BOSTON

112 pound class: Albert Pell, New York City outpointed Charlie Branch, Philadelphia, Pa.
119 pound class: Don Whaley, Cincinnati, O. kayoed Louis Johnson, Portland, Ore. second round.
125 pound class: Harry Smith, New York City, U. S. Air Force kayoed Marion McFarland, Philadelphia, Pa. second round.
132 pound class: Bill Cherry, Cleveland, O., U. S. Air Force outpointed Joe Parks, Omaha, Neb.
139 pound class: Tommy Thomas, Portland, Ore. outpointed Cecil Shorts, Cleveland, O.
147 pound class: Jackson Brown, Chicago, U. S. Air Force outpointed Dennis Moyer, Portland, Ore.
156 pound class: Frank Davis, Ft. Wayne, Ind., U. S. Air Force outpointed Wilbur McClure, Toledo, O.
165 pound class: Paul Wright, Flint, Mich., U. S. Air Force kayoed Sixto Rodriguez, San Francisco, Calif.
178 pound class: John Horne, Omaha, Neb., U. S. Air Force outpointed Rudolph Williams, New York City.
Heavyweight class: Jim McCarter, Seattle, Wash. won by default over Osee Groom of Detroit, Mich. Groom received a bad cut over his right eye in winning his semi-final bout.
The U. S. Air Force took the team championship. Wright, Davis and Horne all repeated as champions for the second straight year.

NAT'L COLLEGIATE A.A. CHAMPIONSHIPS

112 pound class: Dean Plemmons, Wisconsin
119 pound class: Choken (Mike) Maekawa, Michigan State
125 pound class: Bobby Soileau, Louisiana State
132 pound class: Richard Rall, Washington State
139 pound class: Dick Bartman, Wisconsin
147 pound class: Gil McLane, Louisiana State
156 pound class: Vince Ferguson, Wisconsin
165 pound class: Roger Rouse, Idaho State
178 pound class: Orville Pitts, Wisconsin
Heavyweight class: Truman Sturdevant, Wisconsin
University of Wisconsin won the team championship.

COSMIC PUNCH GIVES WAY TO POETRY WITH MUSCLES

An ex-heavyweight fighter turning to poetry shouldn't surprise anybody who's known Lou Nova. In fact, nothing versatile Lou does should be considered surprising at any time. He's that kind of a guy. When he was training for a title fight with Joe Louis he came up with a load of Yoga magic, including the "dynamic stance" and "cosmic punch". His awe-inspiring creations availed him little against Louis. Joe belted him on the kisser with one whizzing right in the sixth round and Nova went just as cold as though he'd never had the benefit of Yoga training.

Now Lou has cultivated poetry. He staged his public debut in the recital room of New York's noted Carnegie Hall. The attendance was reported as 53, which hardly assured a financial success, what with rental and other expenses to take care of. But Lou wasn't worried by such a minor detail. He was more interested in an artistic triumph, and he was quite sure he'd attained it.

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RING NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA
By Ray Mitchell

LET GEORGE DO IT. That popular saying was most apt when GEORGE BARNES, Australian and Empire welterweight champion, made a successful defence of his Empire crown against South African, BENNY NIEWENHUIZEN, at Johannesburg, South Africa. George did not mind Benny getting in front a little; he was confident of halting the local whenever he wanted. In the 13th round George went to town and stopped Benny in a couple of minutes.

▶ KEVIN JAMES once again proved that he is one of the best bantams in the world when he beat PIERRE COSSEMYNS four points to the ace, stopping him at Sydney Stadium in nine rounds. James won every round with ease. By the end of the ninth it was obvious that Pierre had had it and a cut eye sustained by the Belgian put the finishing touches on the referee's action in halting the uneven affair.

In his last five fights, Kevin has beaten five boxers who were either in world ratings at the time he won or had been just prior to meeting the Australian champion. His last five contests have resulted in wins over Gaetano Annaloro, Cossemyns, Sinn, Zuddas and Falcinelli.

▶ LUIGI COLUZZI, of Italy, repeated his win over Australian middleweight champion, BILLY McDOWELL, at Sydney Stadium although he had a much harder task. The decision in favor of the Italian met with a mixed reception and McDowell, his father and his trainer, Ern McQuillan, were flabbergasted at the verdict. They thought the 19-year-old Billy had won clearly. As I saw the verdict was just, but only by a point, a draw would have satisfied.

▶ The Sydney Daily Mirror newspaper, is going great guns with their amateur talent quest. So far they have conducted big tournaments at Wollongong, Albury, Dubbo Moree and Tamworth. Then they have a Sydney tourney under way. Winners who impress the promoters enough, will fight at Sydney in the State finals. Every tournament has produced packed houses and some great prospects have been unearthed.

▶ On top of the bill at Dubbo, professional featherweight, BARRY HATCHER, outpointed FRANKIE BENNETT, former Australian flyweight champion, over 12 rounds in a good fight.

▶ One week later, FRANKIE BENNETT drew with MAX MURPHY at Moree in the best fight ever seen in that town.

▶ At Wollongong, MAX MURPHY knocked out HARRY GARR in round ten. I referee all fights at Wollongong every Saturday night. It was a good fight.

ALAN RITCHIE also halted GARR. Ritchie put Garr away for the full count with three punches in the third round. Then Ritchie met Murphy a week later. MURPHY was in rare mood and knocked out RITCHIE in the third round.

▶ At Broken Hill, Bantam contender, TEDDIE RAINBOW added another scalp to his belt when he knocked out RAY COATES in the eighth round.

▶ At Broken Hill, BERT O'KEEFE easily outpointed lightweight, JOHNNY SHORT. Bert gave away about seven pounds.

▶ Quite a number of State titles bouts took place during the month. At Brisbane, CLIVE STEWART won the Queensland middleweight crown from GRAHAM LAMONT by a six-round knockout. In a twelve-round supporting bout, GLEN CARSBURG knocked out BILLY WINTER in three rounds. They are junior middles.

SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS
By Eric Moolman

GEORGE BARNES OF AUSTRALIA RETAINED his British Empire welterweight title when he scored a 13th round TKO victory over his South African challenger, Benny Nieuwenhuizen, at the Rand Stadium, Johannesburg.

It was a great fight with Nieuwenhuizen slightly ahead on points up to the beginning of the dramatic 13th round. Up to then the South African had scored well with telling left hooks after he had adopted a southpaw stance which seemed to worry the Aussie. However, Barnes came out strongly in the 13th round to drop his opponent with a hard body blow. That was the beginning of the end of Nieuwenhuizen, for Barnes dropped him for three more counts in the same round. Referee Wilf Lubbe then wisely called a halt and handed the decision to the Australian.

▶ For any information on South African fights and fighters contact the writer at P. O. Box 171, East London, South Africa.

ARUBA, N.W.I. RING NEWS
By Jimmy Lambert

ONCE AGAIN PROMOTER JOHAN STEFFANIE PRESENTED an action-packed card at the Swingsters Square Garden featuring Battling Siki, 156, Aruba, against the veteran ex-middweight champion of Cuba, Wilfredo Miro, 160, and again Siki emerged an easy victor after 10 rounds.

In the 8-round semi-final, Aruba Chocolate, 132, Aruba, showed he is the best lightweight in the Dutch West Indies by easily outclassing No. 1 contender Reginaldo Perez, 138, Curacao.

Efi Croes, 134, Aruba, had to go all out in a 6-rounder to win a very close decision over Kid Telefonito, 137, Aruba, who is on the comeback trail.

In a return revenge bout of 4-rounds, Kid Zorzal, 149, Aruba, came off the floor in the first round to gain a draw decision with Epifanio Dania, 138, Aruba. In another 4-rounder, Kid Spider, 121, Aruba, made it two in a row over Black Terror, 114, Aruba.

In two 3-round bouts, Young Walcott, 128, Aruba, decisioned Young Jackson, 129, Aruba; and Little Archie Moore, 138, Aruba, won by TKO in the third round over Kid Aparicio, 138, Aruba.

BRITISH COLUMBIA NEWS
By Chester Norton

JOHNNY SALKELD, VANCOUVER, 145, SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED HIS PACIFIC NORTHWEST Welterweight Championship against Buddy McDonald, Vancouver, 145. Although the bout went the limit of 12 rounds, the issue was settled in the first two rounds. McDonald was dropped near the end of the first with a whistling right hand. In the second Salkeld closed Buddy's right eye with left hooks. McDonald fought back gamely but the handicap of only one eye was a little too much. Salkeld dropped him again in the twelfth and received a unanimous decision.

Eddie Johan, Portland, 176 decisioned Dave Roy, Vancouver, 192, in 10. Sonny Hett, Portland, 174, won from Joe Brown, Vancouver, 177, in 6. The four round opener was won by Tommy Berg, Seattle, 150, over Leroy Flamond, Edmonton, 154.

▶ Earle Kalani imported Cecil Schoonmaker, Los Angeles, 125¾, for Vancouver's Len Walters, 127, and the fans were treated to a real exhibition of boxing. For 10 rounds these two demonstrated the art of self-defense and there was scarcely a solid punch landed in the entire fight, such was their evasive ability. Schoonmaker was awarded a unanimous decision. Schoonmaker stood in mid-ring and made Len do most of the work and many felt that he did enough to earn no worse than a draw.

BORDER BOXING NEWS
By L. Borrado Sanchez

PROMOTERS ANDY SAMARRIPA AND SAMUEL ALVA, Arena Bomberos, P. Negras: Ricardo "pajaxito" Moreno, 119, Mexico City, knocked out Alejo Mejia, 121, Monterrey, in round six.

Raul Rivera, 138, Monterrey, decisioned Fidel Hernandez, 140, Piedras Negras, in ten.

Rudy Martinez, 128, P. Negras, decisioned Zurdo Torres, 129, Monterrey, in eight.

▶ Arena Bomberos, P. Negras: Raul Rivera, 139, Monterrey, decisioned Teo Frias, 135, Nueva Rosita, in ten.

Rudy Martinez, 127, P. Negras, decisioned Tigre Flores, 126, N. Rosita, in eight.

Veteran Chuy Rodriguez, 116, P. Negras, making a comeback stopped Pokarito Cepeda, 112, N. Rosita, in the third round.

Lorenzo Jimenez, 126, P. Negras, and El Chelengue Fernandez, 125, P. Negras, drew in four.

Terraza Tropical, Nueva Rosita, promoters Juan Gonzales and Felipe Sarmiento: the good looking prospect of Piedras Negras, Rudy Martinez, 126, won the decision over Ciclon Martinez, 130, Mexico City, in ten.

Negro Reyes, 118, N. Rosita, knocked out Indio Contreras, 115, Nuevo Laredo, in round one.

La Trigue, 119, N. Rosita, kayoed Lorenzo Jimenez, 124, Piedras Negras, in round six.

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IN OLD NEW ENGLAND
By Don Hamill

HOLYOKE—GERRY TESSIER, 173, YOUNGEST OF SEVERAL BROTHERS who have boxed out of Springfield, punched out an eight round decision over Gary Garafola, 180, Jersey City, in a real Pier sixer. The bout was a gruelling one with Tessier doing the sharper punching and tossing the more damaging blows. Garafola was aggressive and always dangerous. The decision was split with one of the judges voting a draw.

Al Lariviere, 143, Granby, won a close decision over Rocky Sullivan, 138, Boston, in the eight round co-feature. Lariviere punched harder and pressed the fight but the more experienced Sullivan outboxed him. It was a pleasing fight and worthy of a rematch. Billy Clark's body attack halted Joe Walker, 148, Boston, who was unable to answer the bell for the third round. Clark of Westfield, weighed 148 pounds. Bernie Spencer, 185, Westover Field, stopped fellow-airman Jimmy Johnston, 187, also of Westover, in the fourth heat. Jim McDonald, 183, Worcester, decisioned Joe Boy Woods, 184, Westover Field, in the opener of four rounds.

▶ BOSTON—Larry Boardman, 135¾, Marlboro, Conn., took his second world champion to task in a row when he easily whipped featherweight king, Sandy Saddler, 130, New York, in a ten round non-title bout. He had previously won over Wallace (Bud) Smith, the lightweight kingpin. In the first minute of the first round a jarring right to the jaw stopped Saddler in his tracks. Boardman hurt his right hand in the third round. He kept the fight at long distance and used a left hook and jab to win handily. Saddler was jarred to his heels again in the tenth from another right to the whiskers.

Irish Pat Mallane, 134, Waterbury, Conn., battled to a draw in the eight round semi-final with Earl (Kid) Matthews, 135½, Boston. It was a bristling close order scrap. Willie Stevenson, Boston lightweight, won easily over George Collins as he toyed with the New Yorker in their bout which was cut from eight to six heats.

Pat Demers, 148, Brockton, decisioned Babe McCarron, 154, Bangor, in six rounds. Johnny Jenkins, New York, halted Joe Boy Woods, Westover Field, in the second round of a heavyweight four spot. Jim Thornton, 169½, Boston, stopped Hal Hancock, 169, Worcester, in the second of another four.

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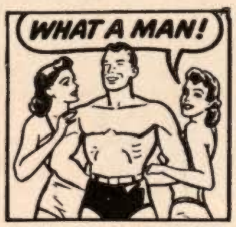

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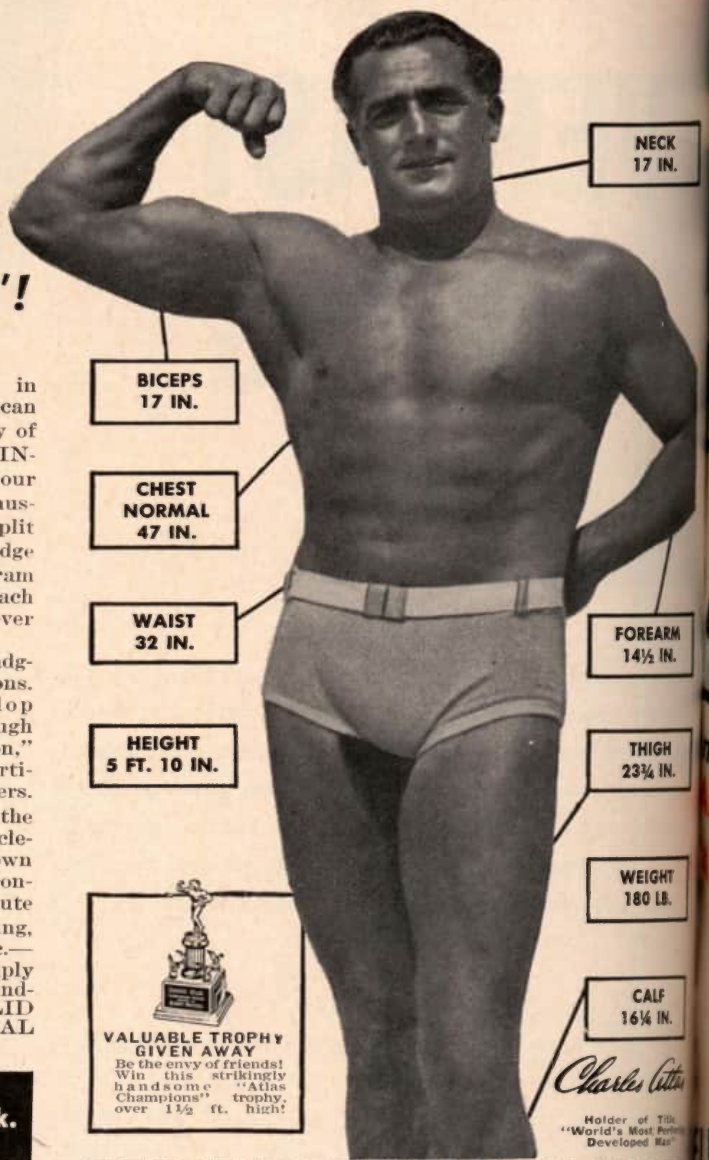

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